TEN BRAVE MEN

by Clayton Rand, Gulfport, Miss.

When Abraham bargained with God to spare Sodom, ten righteous men could have saved it.

Millions there are today pale-faced and white-livered. As in every crisis, we have a bad blood count.

We need an infusion of faith, an injection of confidence, an innoculation against spiritual suicide.

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Competition Grows Keen In Race For Rich Awards To Be Given By Standard

Next Wednesday SOME ONE is going to own a beautiful new automobile or $600 in cash. What a grand and glorious feeling that will be! It is indeed the opportunity of a lifetime and the people of this entire trade territory are watching this big subscription campaign as it draws to a close. The contenders are working fast and furious to hold their places and to pass the one just ahead.

Hearts are beating faster, eager hands are reaching out to grasp the first award. Now the efforts and diligence of the past few weeks will be crowned with an avalanche of vote credits that will bring hundreds to their feet excitedly rooting for their favorite, hurling themselves into the fray with all the vim and vigor of the workers. Thousands and thousands of credits will be compiled Friday night, which is the close of the 60,000 extra credit offer.

A Thrilling Race

All workers are seething with the bustle of preparation for the final dash for extra credits and all their friends are determined to help their favorites fight valiantly to victory. Excitement is keyed to the highest pitch and Friday night will see scores of five-year subscriptions added to the list, thus swelling the credit totals of the workers to enormous figures. Riding along on the waves of this wonderful demonstration of public enthusiasm are the ambitious workers, who are exerting vigorous efforts to capture the grand award, and credits are being gathered from every corner to be showered in during these closing days.

As no one can be certain of victory there is an abundant speculation as to the final outcome. Next Wednesday will decide and present indications points to a hair breadth's finish for it seems certain that the awards will be won by an exceedingly narrow margin. There has never been a greater battle waged and henceforth, it behooves every worker to put fresh vitality into the work, for it is only those who rise to the occasion, brushing aside every obstacle that may appear, who have the best opportunity of finishing in first place.

Workers

Are you going to finish triumphantly with an overwhelming number of credits, or are you going to be the one to be content to see the efforts of these weary weeks go to waste and rewards and honors of the campaign wrested from your grasp by more aggressive competitors? What are you doing about it? The big winner will undoubtedly be the one who turns in the greatest number of $20 clubs of subscriptions before the end of the 60,000 extra credit offer Friday night.

Do not hesitate with time during these next few days, to hesitate now means losing the first grand award which is worth hundreds of dollars more than the second award. Every minute is precious to the person who intends to win the highest award and the honor and happiness that goes to the first winner. Time is on its way in such rapid flight that there will scarcely be a minute in which to catch one's breath before everything is over, the winners named, and the proud victor enjoying a fine new car or $600 in cash. MAKE THIS YOUR VICTORY!

DEMOCRATIC CHIEFS AGREE ON SLASHING NATION'S EXPENSES

Washington, December 15.—Concentration on a slash in governmental expendiutres was agreed upon today by a score of Democratic leaders as the first item of the party's legislative program.

In addition, they came to the conclusion that the Hoover moratorium was not a question on which the party could take sides. It was left to be settled by the personal views of the membership.

Meeting for the first time, the Democratic Congressional Policy Committee, composed of ten party ledaers from each house of the Federal Legislature, discussed taxes, tariff and the big Treasury deficit, too. Decisions on these issues were left to future meetings.

A statement was issued by Speaker Garner and Senator Robinson of Arkansas, Democratic floor leader, at the end of the two-hour session. It follows in full:

"There was a partial interchange of views regarding the proposed moratorium, government expenditures, taxation and the tariff.

"With respect to the moratorium, it was the opinion of the committee that the same is not subject matter for party consideration, and Democratic members of Congrss are expected to reflect their personal views and convictions.

"It was agreed that every possible effort shall be made to reduce government expenditures, and, with that end in view, studies will be carried on.

"No details with respect to the tariff and revised internal revenue taxes were agreed upon, these and other matters being deferred for future consideration".

Garner and Robinson were authorized to convene the committee soon, but no date was fixed. The group wil continue as an official advisory committee for the party throughout the session. It represents virtually every section of the country.

The Senators are: Robinson, Arkansas; Glass, Virginia; Walsh, Montana; Walsh, Massachusetts; Hull, Tennesee; Barkley Kentucky; Harrison, Mississippi; Bulkley, Ohio; Wagner, New York, Pittman, Nevada.

Besides Speaker Garner, the chairman, the Representatives are: Rainey, man, th eReprsentatives are: Rainey, Illinois, Democratic leader: Byrns, Tennessee; Cullen, New York; Crisp, Georgia; Bankhead, Alabama; Taylor, Colorado; Drewry, Virginia; Sandlin, Louisiana, and Greenwood, Indiana.

TEACHERS AGREE TO BEAR $51,000 OF CUT IN BUDGET

Cape Girardeau , December 15.—The Board of Regents of the State Teachers' College here has approved a plan for meeting Gov. Caulfield's reduction of $69,672 in the 1931-32 appropriation made by the Legislature.

Faculty members agreed that if their salaries are paid in full until the end of the school year, September 1, 1932, they will accept their proportionate share of the remaining allocated to salaries, unless more money is available. This will effect a reduction of $51,172.

The cost of operation will be reduced $10,000, while the remainder will be met by omitting repairs and additions.

PLASTERING BEGINS AT NEW POSTOFFICE TUES.

A group of plasterers from Paducah Ky., started Tuesday to plaster the walls of the new Postoffice building here. The same group of expert workmen finished the interior of the Slack apartment on front Street, and will try to finish their work here in about three to four weeks. Metal lathing of the entire structure was completed last week-end.

MISS VIRGINIA CRAIN— JOE TODD MARRIED NOV. 20

Miss Virginia Crain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Crain of this city, and Joe Todd, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Todd of Morehouse, were secretly married November 20, at Blytheville, Ark., they announced this week to parents and friends.

Mrs. Todd was graduated last year from the Sikeston high school, and enjoys a large circle of friends who wish for her every happiness. Mr. Todd is a graduate of Morehouse high school, and is associated with the Himmelberger-Harrison Lumber Co., of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Fox of Charleston accompanied the couple to Blytheville, and witnessed the ceremony performed by Oscar Alexander, justice of the peace.

Mr. and Mrs. Todd will make their home in Morehouse after the first of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Durard King, of Cody, Wyo., arrived Saturday evening for a visit with friends and relatives at Matthews and vicinity. This is Mrs. King's first visit to this part of the United States as she is a product of the far Northwest.

AUXVASSE FARMER TO HELP HOOVER

Out of depression and dispair sometimes comes bitterness and spleen bordering upon the novel, the clever, and the unique. Such is the case of an Auxvasse farmer, whose public sale bill lies before us, and which is being posted in our windows for a limited time.

The farmer, I. T. Van Note begins his announcement as follows: "Having decided to help Hoover get some money for his International Bankers, and to vacate this 200-acre farm so that Secretary Hyde can set it out in trees and brush, I will sell at my home, known as the John Eller farm, three miles north of Auxvasse, eight miles south of Mexico, and three-fourths mile west of Highway 54, down a beautiful (?) Arthur M. Hyde-Franklin D. Roosevelt drive (native brush on both sides), beginning at ten o'clock a. m., on Thursday, December 17, 1931.

My entire farm equipment, consisting of live stock, farm machinery, feed, etc., and some household goods: 14 head of good cows and heifers, springers and fresh.

Secretary Hyde wants one cow out of every ten killed and all of the dairy heifer calves. If someone does not kidnap him and take him to an asylum before the date of sale, I may have only twelve head. I suppose he will want one out of the ten and a small heifer out of the four to make his account balance, and if there are only twelve here on the date of sale you will know that the Secretary of Agriculture is still at large and has collected his tithe.

One eight-year-old mule, two aged mares. They'll be here. Hyde is not interested in them . . . 900 bushels of corn . . . and a lot of other things that are mortgaged.

Terms: Cash or credit.

The ladies of the Auxvasse Baptist church will serve the dinner out of the "great surplus" we hear so much about. The only over-production I know of is empty stomachs and debts.

Hyde, Stone & Co., are very busy at this time, and I did not call on them to sell this or send their official sealer to help me. I just got some of the home boys to sell it, as I think from the past record of the above company our boys can beat them selling. Therefore, I have employed Holman, Kircher and Larue.

Clerk, George Motley

I. T. VAN NOTE

P. S. Star and Ruralist please copy. —I. T. V.

PATROL BEGINS TO CLAMP DOWN ON UNLIGHTED WAGONS

It's sure tough being a farmer nowadays. With Hoover, Artie Hyde and all the boys telling him how to get rich by not planting anything; mortgage companies insisting upon signatures on the dotted line, and landlords getting nasty about this and that. Comes now the Highway Patrol and says that the law passed by the State Legislature last May about having tail lights on wagons and other horse (or mule) drawn vehicles, really means what it says. And it says plenty, viz:

Any person who shall place or drive or cause to be placed or driven, upon or along any State or supplementary highway of this State any horse drawn vehicle whatsoever whether in motion or at rest shall after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise have attached to every such vehicle at the rear thereof a red tail light or a red reflecting device of not less than 3 sq. in., in diameter of effective arear . . . for the reflected light to be visible to the driver of any motor vehicle approaching such horse drawn vehicle from the rear for a distance of not less than 500 feet.

Approved May 2, 1931, effective September 15, 1931.

BOX SUPPER AND PROGRAM TO BE GIVEN AT SLAPOUT

Mrs. Arnold Roth, teacher of the Dunniver School, better known as "Slapout", 5 miles east of Sikeston on Highway 60, wishes to announce that pupils of the school will present a Christmas program Friday night at 7 o'clock. A box supper will follow the program to which the public is invited.

Elvins—New Regal Theatre building being rebuilt.

ARREST YOUTH IN SLAYING OF STODDARD MAN

Bloomfield, December 15.—Chester Jordan, 19, of Bernie, was in the county jail here today, the third person to face charges of murder in connection with the mysterious shooting of Henry Froemsdorf, a farmer recluse.

Jordan was arrested late Monday by Sheriff Fread Beal after Connie Bowman, 21, also accused in the slaying, pleaded guilty and named Jordan as an accomplice. Bowman was sentenced in Circuit Court by Judge John H. McAnally to serve 40 years in prison. Charges against a third man, Fierce Bowman, father of Connie, were dismissed.

Froemsdorf was found shot to death near his farm home in the St. Francis river bottoms, west of Bernie, October 1.

Following his arrest, Jordan admitted he was present when Froemsdorf was murdered and saw it done, but denied that he fired any of the shots which caused the aged man's death, according to Prosecuting Attorney Kip Briney. He will remain in jail until formal araignment Monday.

Bowman explained to officers the killing as it took place on the farm. Bowman and his father lived across St. Francis River from the Froemsdorf farm. According to the story told to Sheriff Fred Beal and other officers, some hogs belonging to Bowman crossed the river and went onto the recluse's farm.

Froemsdorf, according to officers, penned the hogs and charged young Bowman a fee when he came to take them home. The latter protested the fee, it was said, and officers said Froemsdorf had been fired on with a rifle and shotgun. Officers said the story told them was that Bowman fired on Froemsdorf and the latter ran down a ravine towards the river when he fell. Bowman implicated Jordan in his confession, claiming he was an accomplice to the killing, Froemsdorf's body was found five days after he had been killed, and hogs had mutilated the body.

There was a long wound in one of his arms, appearing like that made by a knife or bayonet.

AS I SEE IT

By I'm About Town

Perhaps the world is taking a turn for the better. We notice most of the Santa Claus letters have a line or so "please don't forget the other little children".

Or maybe someone has wised up someone about appearing unselfish.

If things are not as they should be at all times, is is occasionally good for one's soul and whatnot to take a turn or two around the block. After sounding inverted blue notes for some hours about work piled upon our desk Tuesday, we happened across a bent, crooked old man. A stocking cap, weather worn and many winters old adorned his head, a faded sweat shirt helped to break the chilliness of a sharp afternoon, and his shoes might have been improved considerably by a trip to the cobblers. His trousers would readily admit him to a nudist clan, or to the following of "the little salt maker from India".

And Christmas only a few days around the corner.

News are not scarce in Cape Girardeau, and won't be for some time, if that Delta school girl will just remain kidnapped for a few more weeks. Boys, better lay up a supply of that copy. Remember the dull, drab newsless days of January and February.

Weather always makes good copy in a pinch, though.

In the not so long ago a (meaning one) 200-pound pig brought in the neighborhood of $40. Right now 200 pigs will just about buy one good pork sandwich.

The Man About Town has heard for some time that a wedding affecting himself and another person was set for the near future. As each week rolls around and becomes part and parcle of another week, the event still refuses to happen, and so it goes, on and on from week to week and month to month.

The latest report is that the fusion of souls is to take place during the Christmas holidays, which Christmas we do not know. We appreciate this information, and trust that our many friends will hurry the proceeding to a happy close.

For the sake of some, we wish to announce that we intend to partake of a few Tom and Jerries this Christmas while still in a state of coma, single blessedness, or what have you. We still intend to howl with the boys occasionally and to to eat breakfact with G. B. Greer and Uncle Dave Kevil—two other single boys.

What 1932 and 1933 will bring we cannot say. To some of our friends the months will bring happiness, bankruptcy, death, babies, tax notices, and grocery bills (for two or more members of the family.) For us the years may bring a new job, provided this one terminates some bright morning, suddenly, a wife, and everything else mentioned in the sentence just preceding this. One never can tell.

California's budget for forest-fire protection is the largest of any of the States with nearly $800,000 available from Federal, State and private funds.

2 'LEGGERS FACE STIFF FINE AND JAIL

J. T. Kimball of New Madrid and James Earl of this city, alleged to have been supplying youthful patrons of Friday night dances in this city with liquor are in the county jail at Benton, serving sentences imposed last Saturday in the court of Judge Wm. S. Smith.

Kimball and Earl were arrested in the alley back of the Bank of Sikeston last Friday night by Constable Brown Jewell, on charges of possession and sale. They pleaded guilty before Judge Smith and were fined $50 and costs, each, and six months in the county jail.

The Friday night dances sponsored by the Missouri Melody Makers, have been patronized largely by high school boys and girls, and by young folks about town. Officer Brown Jewell co-operating with other city authorities, is determined to wipe out, or at least make unpleasant, visits by local and foreign bootleggers.

XMAS LIGHTS BRIGHTEN SEVERAL BUSINESS PLACES

One of the most unusual Christmas lighting effects thus far produced here was inaugurated Monday night by the Missouri Utilities office, co-operating with John A., and Harry C. Young. The Young Building on Center Street had been decorated with light streamers for the past week, and Monday workmen hoisted the latest piece of Christmas cheer—a huge bell, composed of 286 vari-colored lights. Guy wires leading to the top of the building also support several colored lights.

Windows of the Missouri Utilities Company are perhaps the best decorated of the many in town.

Carroll's Tire Station also presents a pleasing picture after dark. The east and south sides of the filling station lot, are enlivened by streamers of colored lights.

Buckner's last week completed the installation of modern window lighting equipment, and the windows are now on a par with Graber's and the Whiz Bang as far as lighting effect is concerned. Unusual brilliance without shadows is achieved by the concealed flood lights in these business house windows.

Many other stores in the city including Galloways, Derris', Joyner's Cafe, Kirby's, Sikes Hardware, Becker's Sterlings, Greener's, The Bijou, Sheppard's Cafe and Dudley's Place have decorated more or less elaborately for the holidays.

SAMEUL T. MITCHELL OF KEWANEE DIES DECEMBER 6

Samuel T. Mitchell, an honored citizen of the Kewanee neighborhood, died Sunday, December 6 at the home of his neice, Mrs. Wm. Schurenberg. Mr. Mitchell was 71 years, 6 months and 19 days old.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Emma Pack of St. Petersburg, Fla., Mrs. A. L. Wise of Little Rock, Ark., five nephews, six neices, six great-nephews and eight great-neices.

Interment was made at the F. F. Lee Cemetery with Rev. M. H. Markley of New Madrid officiating.

Jury Holds Death Of Farmer Wednesday Eve Unavoidable

A coroner's jury impaneled by Dr. Vernon, coroner of Mississippi County, Tuesday morning, held the death of C. B. Arnold, farmer near Diehlstadt, Monday evening to be an unavoidable accident, releasing Evans Copeland of New Madrid, whose car struck and fatally injured Arnold on Highway 60 near the Joe Davis farm.

Arnold was struck by Copeland's car as he jumped in front of the machine, evidently in an effort to flag down the motorist. Copeland states that he did not see the man until an instant before the impact.

Highway patrolmen disclosed that Arnold and his brother had been to Sikeston in a car borrowed from Harrison Terry, a brother-in-law. They started home about 4:45 o'clock Monday evening, but their automobile had gone into a ditch about two miles west of Bertrand.

Arnold suddenly jumped in front of Copeland's machine, a Chevrolet sedan, waving his arms. The impact crushed his chest, broke both legs below the knees, fractured his skull and broke his left arm. The body was dragged about fifteen feet. Arnold was rushed to the Emergency Hospital in the Albritton ambulance, and lived about thirty minutes.

According to evidence introduced at the inquest, Arnold had been drinking heavily. His brother fled immediately after the accident, but was located late Monday night. He and his brother had been selling pecans in and near Sikeston, and still had a quantity left when they decided to return home.

Copeland was not held by officers, but appeared the following morning at the inquest. A car occupied by two girls was approaching from the west at the time of the accident, and both remained to witness the tragedy. Copeland was riding alone. His machine was badly damaged. The radiator was shoved back against the engine block, the hood was dented, and the right headlight knocked out of position.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at the Mainord cemetery near Diehlstadt. Arnold is survived by his wife and four small children, the oldest 6 years old, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Foster Arnold of near Diehlstadt.

MISSOURI MOTOR LAWS ARE BASED ON COMMON SENSE SAY SUPT. ELLIS

Jefferson City, December 14.—The driver of an automobile on Missouri's highways does not have to know the exact provisions of the law in order to operate his car properly, according to Lewis Ellis, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

"Missouri's motor vehicle law is based on common sense principles rather than on arbitrary restrictions," Ellis says. "It assumes that the driver of a motor car has some judgment, and places responsibility on him for the safe operation of his vehicle. It does not permit him to escape responsibility through the excuse of having complied with fixed limitations".

A "safe driving code" for Missouri motorists is summarized by Superintendent Ellis in the following simple rules:

Keep your car under control at all times.

Be sure brakes are in good working order.

See that both headlights and taillight are working; headlights adjusted so they illumine the road but do not blind approaching driver; use dimmers when meeting other cars.

Keep on the right side of roadway; don't straddle or hug the center line.

THIS "LIE-LAK" BUSH DESERVES SPECIAL NOTE

Andrew L. Stillwell, who lives two miles west of Fulton, says that in the sixty years he has lived in Missouri, he has never before picked lilacs at Christmas time. Saturday he brought in a twig in full bloom, though it showed some effects of the cold weather. He said there were many other buds on the bush, ready to open. —Fulton Sun-Gazette. A number of Mexico lilac bushes have burst into leaves the past week.

FREE PENTECOSTAL REVIVAL TO BEGIN SUNDAY NIGHT

Rev. C. D. Daniel will conduct a free Pentecostal revival beginning Sunday at the church west of the Frisco tracks on Highway 60, and extends an invitation to the public to attend. Rev. Daniel will discuss "The Signs of the Times, the Coming of the End of the World" at the first meeting.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School—9:30 o'clock

Morning worship—11 o'clock. Subject: "The Christmas Story".

The three Endeavor groups meet Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock.

At 7:30 o'clock members of the church will present a pageant "No Room in the Inn". The public is cordially invited.

Young people of the church will participate in a Christmas program Wednesday night, December 23 at 7 o'clock.

Two firms who tried to smuggle Dutch bulbs acros the Canadian border were detected by plant quarantine inspectors and paid $5000 fines.

SCOTT COUNTY GINS REPORT 6479 BALES

According to the latest Government cotton report, a total of 6479 bales of cotton was ginned from the 1931 crop prior to December 1, as compared to 5221 bales up to the same time in 1930.

A similar ratio is held by Mississippi County which reported a total of 9195 bales up to December 1, 1931 as compared with 6642 bales in 1930.

EX-CONVICT, RUNNING FOR SHERIFF, ASKS STATE TO FORGIVE THEFT OF COW

New Orleans, December 14.—Running for sheriff in his home parish of Vermillion, Frank Marceaux today asked the State to forgive and forget the larceny of a cow more than thirty years ago.

Supported by influential citizens and with his candidacy for sheriff endorsed by Governor Long, Marceaux applied to the State pardon board for restoration of his citizenship, lost in 1899 when he went to prison for two years for the theft of a heifer. Following his release from the penitentiary in 1901, Marceaux became a leading resident of his parish.

SON OF MAN KILLED IN GARY WRECK BURIED TUES.

Howard Carl Mainord, whose father was killed four years ago in a bus-train tragedy at Gary, Ind., died Monday morning at the family home near Matthews, following an illness with dropsy and leakage of the heart.

He was born May 15, 1907 and died at the age of 24 years, 6 months and 29 days.

Funeral servcies were conducted at the Matthews Methodist church Tuesday morning, 10 o'clock, with Rev. Margraves officiating. Interment in Matthews cemetery, Albritton of Sikeston in charge.

His mother, Mrs. Eva Mainord, two sisters, Mrs. Reda Kelley of Sikeston and Nadine Mainord of the home, six brothers, Wayne, Charles, Roy, Fred, Lyle and Courtney, Jr., his grandmother, Mrs. Hodie Hill and grandfather, Robert Byrd, survive.

GOVERNMENT LOAN AGENT TO BE IN BENTON DEC. 23

V. G. Schwarz, assistant farmers seed loan agent, will be at the County Agent's office at Benton on Wednesday, December 23 to meet with anyone desiring information in regard to Federal Seed Loans. This will probably be the last meeting at the agent's office for convenience of farmers.

Shotgun Trap Kills Chicken Thief

Hayti, December 14.—Robert Wilson, negro, was killed early yesterday in the chicken house of Alsup, a farmer, by a shotgun trap Alsup had arranged after missing 60 chickens. It had been fired on two precious occasions by a dog and a rooster.

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Another Cathedral is to be erected in New York City, the nave of which alone will cost $6,000,000. This is why we believe every church and all church property throughout the land should be taxed the same as other property. Also, there should be no more tax exempt bonds of any sort issued. The way things are now pointing only the man at the bottom and part of the way up the ladder will pay all the taxes in the future. Future issues of stocks and bonds should bear sufficient interest to enable the holders thereof to bear his part of the tax burdens to keep up State an Nation.

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To Inquirer: Berets and brassiers are used exclusively by the gentler sex, though in certain instances it seems neither is worn. Each answers its own purpose.

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A banker's magazine tells of a man who went hunting in a deserted forest. A terriffic storm came up. The hunter ran for shelter. But there was none. It began to rain. He crawled into a hollow log, which fitted him rather snugly. It rained and it rained. Then it rained some more. The water soaked through the wood. The log began to swell. When the storm was over, the hunter could not get out. He strained until he was blue in the face. But the log held tight. Exhausted, he gave up. He knew that he would starve to death. Like a drowning man, he saw his whole life flash before him, especially his mistakes. He suddenly remembered that he had not paid his subscription to the home paper—and crawled out of the log without difficulty. it made him feel so small that he

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Larry Brunk, Republican State Treasurer, is a funny fellow. He was scarcely out of the snares of the law, when he declared himself righteous and tried to pull others into the clutches of the law. He now shouts for a vindication from the people. He acts as though he were a martyr for the cause of Republican officialdom. Come on Larry, trot yourself out for State Auditor or Secretary of State and you will get a vindication the likes of which you have never heard of before.—Perry County Sun.

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WHY COUNTIES GO BROKE

A few weeks ago this paper carried a news story to the effect that the county court had refused to pay an account of upwards of $600, purporting to be for soaps and disinfectants bought by the local sheriff within a year.

That story seems to have spurred other Southeast Missouri newspapers to an investigation of similar expenditures within their own counties, and their findings have resulted in interesting news stories and pointed editorial comments.

The Greenville Sun reports that records in Wayne county indicate that $2.25 per gallon has been paid for disinfectants, and that there are, in that county, unpaid bills for disinfectants, towels, brushes, paper, etc., totaling $1500.

The Enterprise-Courier of Charleston has been looking into conditions in Mississippi County, and the editor concludes it is no wonder his county is broke. Some enterprising disinfectant salesman has been loading that county up with materials costing $2.10 per gallon, when his investigation shows the best grade of disinfectant can be bought for 70 to 80 cents per gallon.

The Charleston editor charges openly that it is the policy of certain disinfectant and stationery concerns to furnish banquets to county officials, give them pocket knives, traveling bags, handcuffs, writing sets, fountain pens, and even free trips to distant points in return for their patronage. All this, he says, is charged up ten-fold to the taxpayer.

Investigations indicate that in some manner the disinfectant companies have tremendous drags with many county officials. Madison is probably no worse than many others, but somewhere there is crookedness, or ignorance or almost criminal disregard for the interest of the taxpayer. There are two responsible drug stores in Fredericktown and either one will gladly furnish Madison County its needs in disinfectants for a sum far less than $2.10 per galon, and so far as we know neither store has ever been permitted to quote a price on this material.

Many of the big stationery houses rank with disinfectant concerns in employing reprehensible methods of securing business, and those same concerns have taken thousands of dollars from counties for stationery and record books over the price the local printer would have charged.

The local printer asks for no favors, but he is usually a substantial citizen, pays his taxes and holds up his end of the community load, and he is entitled at least to the privilege of quoting a price on the needs of the various county offices, a privilege often denied him.

Record books have been, in the past, bought right here in Madison county for $50 to $90 apiece, which we will contract to supply in any quantity for $25 to $60 each. In twenty years we cannot remember of ever overbidding an outside printing concern, and our prices are often less than half these quoted from the outside. High pressure salesmen usually put up the story "the local printer can't do this job" and make the purchaser believe it. There isn't a printing job in Madison county that we can't do or have done.

We can say, however, that in most cases the local county officials have tried to buy their stationery and book requirements at lowest prices obtainable, and County Clerk Womack, within one year, has saved the county a considerable sum of money on supplies that were formerly bought without regard to price, without competitive bids, from out-of-town concerns.

It is the belief of this paper, and of other Southeast Missouri papers, that the biggest and most disasterous leaks from the county treasury are through the "contingent funds", and that these leaks trickle into the coffers of the disinfectant and stationery concerns.

The financial troubles of most counties originate in the foolish buying of supplies by incompetant officials.—Fredericktown Democrat.

What becomes of your dismantled Christmas tree after the holidays Do not try to burn it in the fireplace, even if partially cut up. The dry, brittle evergreen will start a roaring fire and possibly set fire to the chimney, endangering the house. Have the tree dragged away to a safe place for a bonfire, and use it as a nucleus to get rid of any other rubbish that can be burned up. The same precautions apply to any sort of Christmas greens.

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SUNSET ADDITION NEWS

We, the Second Baptist Church in Sunset Addition, had a very splendid service last Sunday. At 9:45 o'clock our Superintnedent, Bro. James Roach, was at his post, and played well his part in that part of the program.

Our pastor, Rev. Dr. S. D. Woods, made a wonderful expanation on the Sunday school lesson. At 11:30, our pastor introduced Rev. Anderson as the speaker for the hour. Rev. Anderson preached a soul-stirring sermon, and we hope he will come again.

The Ministerial Alliance met last Friday night, and we had a very interesting Bible lesson. The President, Dr. Woods, speaks very highly of Rev. S. V. Wolfe and Rev. N. A. Murray as Bible students.

E. D. Howard, who recently moved in Sunset Addition, had an accident last Saturday night. He was driving out to the highway from his home to highway 60 and his windshield being dimmed by the rain, he could not see very well and turned too short and ran into the ditch. No one in the car received serious injuries.

Lewis Jimerson has begun work on his building where he expects to operate a service station on highway 60, opposite Sunset Addition. He has given his place the name, "West End Service Station" and hopes to have it ready for business by Christmas.

We are asking the farmers if they can obtain good weather to give us a trial at picking their cotton, because we want to meet Santa Claus on halfway ground.

40 YEARS FOR KILLING FARMER IN ROW OVER HOGS

Bloomfield, December 14.—Connie Bowman, 19 years old, pleaded guilty in Circuit Court today to participation in the murder last October 1 of Henry Franzdorf, well-to-do farmer and stockman, at Franzdorf's farm near Bernie, Dunklin County. Judge John A. McAnally sentenced him to 40 years in prison.

Charges against Fierce Bowman, Connie's father, were dismissed.

Young Bowman implicated Chester Jordan, 17, in his plea of guilty. The shooting resulted from Franzdorf taking up several hogs belonging to Bowman and his father and charging a fee for their release. Franzdorf was shot seven times.

Jordan was arrested and brought to jail where he was held without bail awaiting formal indictment.

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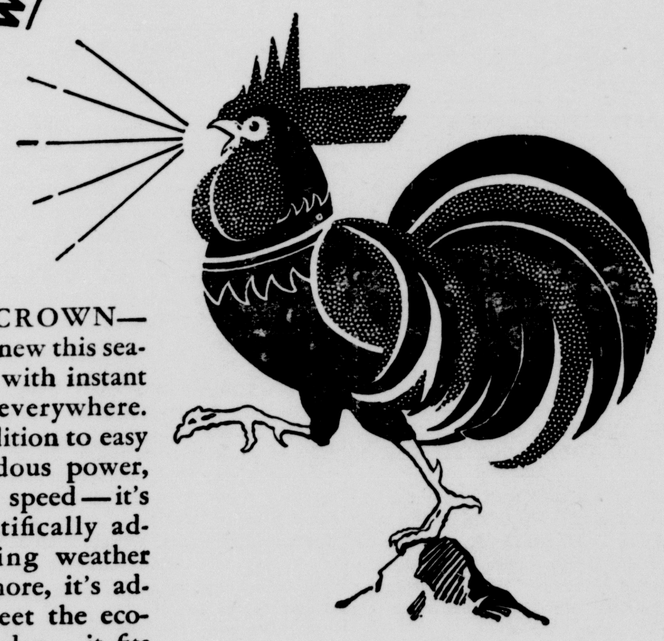
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LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM MORLEY

Lyman Harrison of Benton was a Morley visitor Saturday.

Miss Mary Alma Harris is assisting in the postoffice during the holiday season.

Marvin Smith of Kentucky visited his grandmother, Aunt Mollie Evans, the past week.

Mrs. J. F. Grant of Cape Girardeau was a visitor at the home of Aunt Mollie Evans, Wednesday.

Harly Emerson of Hayti was a guest of Wilson Dickey and other friends the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shores and family of Chaffee were guests at the W. F. Watson home, Saturday.

Lewis Koster, who underwent an operation for appendicitis a few weeks ago, is seriously ill again.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Cummins and daughters were business visitors in Sikeston and Charleston, Saturday.

Miss Mamie Lauderdale of Charleston was called here Tuesday by the illness of her brother-in-law, F. M. Pride.

Roy Lauderdale of St. Louis and Mr. Pride of Kentucky were called here by the illness of F. M. Pride, the first of the week.

Martin Boyer of Detroit, Mich., has been visiting old-time friends and relatives here and at Blodgett the past past two weeks.

Mesdames R. H. Leslie, Lartie Leslie and Anna Lucky, Misses Nancy and Marjorie Leslie spent Saturday at Cape Girardeau, shopping.

The closing of the Scott County Bank was a tragedy to many families who were left without any money to purchase food or other necessities.

A large number of Morley people attended the "stunt" contest at Benton Thursday night, when the Boy Scouts and the high school glee club appeared on the program.

Mrs. Virgin Morrison and son of Sikeston visited the former's mother, Mrs. L. S. Gipson, Friday. Seibert and Marie Gipson returned to Sikeston with them for a week-end visit.

Mesdames Forest Watson, Maud Daugherty and Josephine Watson spent Wednesday at Sikeston visit- remained at the Leslie Watson home ing and shopping. The last named remained for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Vaughn and family, Mrs. Harris Foster and children, Mrs. Wm. Foster and children and Mrs. L. S. Gipson were among the number at Sikeston Saturday to see Santa Claus.

C. W. Cannon sold nineteen hogs averaging 224 pounds each at Cape Girardeau Saturday for three dollars and ninety cents per hundred. Mr. Cannon says he never sold hogs for less than six cents per pound before.

F. M. Pride, age 59 years, died Friday, December 11, after an illness of about two weeks. He is survived by a wife, four children and several grandchildren. Two children by his first marriage are a son in Kentucky and Mrs. J. M. Mercer of Ironton, another son having been killed in the World War. He came to Morley ten years ago and later married Miss Della Lauderdale to whom were born a daughter, 6, and a son, 4. Funeral services were held at the family home Sunday, December 13, with burial in Morley cemetery.

LAND DRAINAGE DISTRICTS BUY SPECULATIVELY HELD TAXABLE

Jefferson City, Dec. 14.—Lands owned by a drainage district, that are not needed for right-of-way or other necessary purposes of the district, are subject to general taxation, the Attorney-General's office held in an opinion.

"We might add", the opinion, written by C. A. Powell, an Assistant Attorney-General, said, "That it might be held that the supervisors of the drainage district, in making such purchases of real estate for the purpose of holding and selling it at a profit, make themselves personally liable for converting funs that should be applied on the payment of the bonded indebtedness of the district".

S. P. Dalton, Prosecuting Attorney of Cape Girardeau County, asked the Attorney-General's office for an opinion as to whether lands purchased by a drainage district at a sale based upon a judgment for State and county taxes, or at a sale based upon a judgment to enforce the collection of its own special assesment or tax, make the property exempt from the payment of State and County taxes. He pointed out that "in neither instance are the lands purchased required to be used by the district for right-of-way or other necessary purposes of the district".

Dalton said the question had arisen in Cape Girardeau and several other Southeast Missouri counties.

Dairy specialists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture advise against milking a cow just before calving. If the udder is swollen excessively, reduce the concentrate ration.

REPUBLICANS TAKE CONTROL OF SENATE

Washington, December 14.—Republicans took control of the Senate today and received a warning from the Democrats to settle or forget their row over the re-election of Senator Moses as president pro tempore.

With committees formally organized for business, Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the Democratic leader, warned that if the Moses controversy is not settled soon he will insist upon abandoning it and turning to legislation.

Senators regarded his declaration as putting the issue up to the Western Republicans who are opposing Moses. They saw it as presenting the independents with two courses of procedure—to vote for the Democratic nominee and break the present deadlock, or permit Moses to carry on by default. He serves until his successor is elected.

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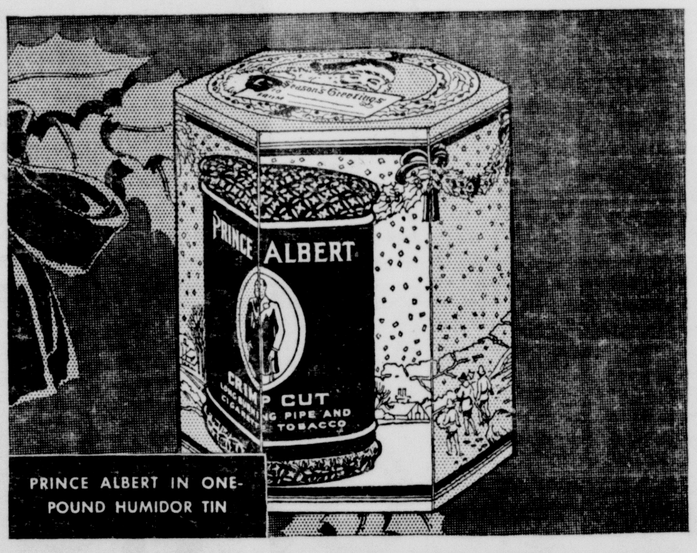
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The House of Representatives has about five thousand bills awaiting its consideration. Less than one-tenth of them relate to matters of public interest, the balance being of a more or less private nature. Congressmen sometimes are condemned for lack of attention to the general welfare. One reason why Representatives cannot occupy themselves to a greater degree with the duties of the statesman, is that they have to spend too much time in pulling their constituents' personal chestnuts out of the fire. Among affairs of public interest, there will be several attacks upon prohibition. The National Association of Manufacturers thinks that the tariff needs revision, and no doubt will be given a chance to be heard. The things absorbing the efforts of Congress, like the articles at a farm auction, will be "too numerous to mention" but will be noted in this column from time to time, as the more important of them come up for debate. Mr. Garner, the new speaker, is on hand, and is denting his desk top with the gavel in the time-honored fashion. The Senate is proceeding gravely to its business, which probably will include some contests over seats in that body. Upon the whole, it seems likely that the 72d Congress will afford plenty of material for comment.

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The hunger marchers descended upon Washington, as promised, but created hardly more than a ripple of curiosity. It is to be questioned whether the assemblage really was representative of the masses in need of help. In general, the demonstration was orderly. The speeches had a good deal of "down with" something or other in them, coupled with some definite requests, such as the provision of a dole of $150 per man. Free food was provided, and was put to the use intended, for the most part, tho' there was a definite stand against the baked beans supplied by one of the missions. Viewed by and large, the hunger marchers brought up nothing for consideration that was not thoroughly aired when Coxey's Army visited Washington in 1894.

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In different localities, relief is being refused to persons owning an auto, a radio, or a dog. Perhaps there is excuse for withholding aid from a family having costly means for entertainment and pleasure, but it would be a pretty mean individual who would offer to give a hungry man a dollar provided that he would knock a pet in the head.

The Bureau of Mines finds that it is impractical to use general statements as to the quality of gasoline. The average motor car operator will be inclined to think that general statements composed of a few short explosive words about bad gas are highly practical, at least to the extent of giving vent to his feelings.

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The Postmaster General suggests a three-cent rate on letters. Indirect taxation is dangerous and should always be watched, but a three-cent rate on sealed missives will meet with no great amount of opposition. It would be hard to find a private messenger who would deliver a note in the next township, or even across the street, for the sum stated. Considering the advantages afforded by the postal system, and that it is not operated as a profit-making business, most letter-writers will be willing to give the Postmaster General the extra copper that he needs.

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A contest is on to settle the best system of playing bridge. So important a matter should not turn upon the relative skill of two men. If Mussolini cannot tell us what is best in the premises, the leading political parties should have clearly defined planks in their platforms, so that one may know who is a safe man for office.

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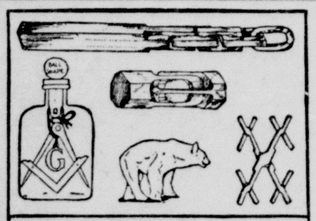
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DAY BY DAY WITH GOVERNOR PATTERSON

It seems to me that during these days of depression, the white people who take the change in their own lives so hard, could well take a lesson from the negro and his philosophy. Seldom do we hear of a negro complaining of his lot. He accepts things as they are, hoping always for the best but willing to take the worst, if the worst comes.

He looks out upon the world with an equanimity that the white man does not possess, and his inner peace is rarely disturbed by outside conditions beyond his control.

If the negro does become downcast by some sudden misfortune, he quickly recovers himself and goes on in his old accustomed way, with hope in his breast and a song on his lips. Few white men can stand adversity, and take the knocks from fate like the negro. His example of patience and resignation is a constant reminder and reproach to his white brother who is given to moroseness, and frequently to despair, when things go wrong and cannot be immediately righted.

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In talking this over with a friend the other day, he gave it as his opinion that the average negro has so little of this world's goods that when he loses them the difference is not so great as when the white man is forced to part with his greater possessions. I do not think this is an explanation.

It is true the average negro has far less than the average white man, but it is also true that in some instance he has more, and in every instance he has something, however small, upon which he depends.

Relatively speaking, any loss to the negro, whether it be large or small, should produce the same result in both the negro and the white man, but we know this is not the case.

I think a better, and the true explanation is, that the negro as a rule has more genuine faith in religion than the white man has, that he derives from it more comfort, that he uses it as a better shield against the blows of adversity.

To the negro religion is more real, and whether it is your sort or my sort, it is the negro's chief reliance when the ills of life afflict him. It is a rare exception when a negro takes his own life in a fit of despair. His religion operating upon his mental processes, stays his hand, and brings him safely through his ordeal.

The negro believes in God the Creator and Preserver. He believes, too, in immortality. No doubts and questionings on these subjects ever enters the mind of the great majority of black people we see every day.

Therefore, with firm faith in the life to come, the negro as a rule is fortified against the disasters of his mortal existance. This gives him strength. This teaches him the futility of a bitter outlook and of nervous impatience, so often found among the white people who pin their faith to purely material things, and when these fail have nothing left to sustain them. The white person who has the negro's faith, and there are many who do, have the same aid and ressitance against the frowns of fortune.

I think the testimony of the believers in religion, whether they are black or white, is the finest tribute that can be paid to the power of religion itself, its meaning and its helpfulness.

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The explanation recently given a life insurance company for failing to pay premiums on a policy seems reasonable. It read: "Please excuse us as we can't pay any more premiums on Sam Johnson. He died last May. Yours truly, Mrs. S. Johnson".

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Black is not a mourning color in the Orient and, financially, it is not nearly so much so as red in this country.

Holders of the 1932 hunting and fishing license, scheduled to go on sale December 15, is not only good for next season but will be honored during the last fifteen days of 1931, State game officials point out. This arrangement in license sales is made in order that county clerks and their agents can make final license reports to the department by December 31.



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By Milus R. Davis,
Supt. New Madrid Schools

John J. Klipfel, Conran, attended to school business in the county seat last Saturday.

O. E. Mitchell, Attendance Officer, expects to be rushed into service now since cotton picking is slacking up and many school boards are likely to call for service in order to bring up their attendance. Some of our white schools are running short and will not have a sufficient average to entitle them to a full quota of State aid unless some action is taken.

All teachers using the second quarterly questions furnished by the State are requested to send in the scores made by the pupils by December 25 or not later than January 1. These scores will be standardized and the results returned to the teachers so they can compare the work of their pupils to the average of the county.

Wm. Robertson, H. B. Doolittle, H. W. McCoy and J. A. McKinley were in the county last week talking textbooks to the school men. These men represent book companies and we are especialy interested in what good companies have to present now, as we expect to have out a recommended list of textbooks this spring which will be especially helpful to rural boards.

It is the desire of the Textbook Commission to get the best books possible, which will be a task as we have a score of good companies, all deserving consideration

If any teacher in the county is using a textbook which deserves special commendation, we would be pleased to have a report on it, which will help us in our selections

We have no intention of asking schools to throw away books that are now in use, but when these wear out, we will suggest that the new books be given consideration for replacement purposes.

The writer served on a textbook commission ten years ago and in that adoption we signed a five-year contract, as provided by law, for the books selected. We are supposed to do that this time but it is unwise as a better book might come out before the contract expires and yet our hands would be tied by this contract.

We have known school boards to sign up with one company agreeing to use their books for five years, under the impression that they were gaining the privilege of buying books at wholesale, when the truth is that any board can buy textbooks at wholesale prices without signing a contract.

School boards should be warned against companies which stoop to this unfair practice, as no advantage whatever is gained by the board in signing such contract. It would be just as wise for an individual to sign a pledge to buy all personal supplies from one store in town for a period of five years.

We are expecting the high school inspector in the county soon, and many schools will welcome him and an early approval in order to get a release of the last half of State-aid. We hope none of our schools will be as unfortunate as a high school in a neighboring county which has been inspected but is not to be approved until one of the present teachers is replaced by a qualified one.

BOONVILLE FEEDS HUNGRY MEN AT 7½ CENTS A HEAD

Boonville, Mo., December 14.—This city has inaugurated a system whcih feeds the hungry at a negligible cost while at the same time reducing to a minmum the practice of begging.

Last month it served 139 meals to penniless men at a cost of $10.37, or less than 7½ cents a meal. The meals are served at the city jail, and the preliminary requirement for each meal is an hour's labor on the rock pile. The system has practically rid the city of beggars, at the same time providing for men who are sincere in their representation of willingness to work.

The plan was tried by Mayor H. D. Quigg who was opposed to feeding transients at public eating houses at 20 cents a head.

U. S. CRUISERS DEFECTIVE, SAYS BRITISH NAVAL BOOK

London, December 14.—Serious defects are declared to exist in the United States' new 10,000-ton "treaty type" cruisers in the new issue of "Jane's Fighting Ships", the standard British work of naval reference.

Of the Augusta class of six vessels, the book says, "owing to the center of gravity being placed too low, they roll considerably, and the Northampton has been fitted with bigger bulge keels. Some have developed cracked stern post, due to wieght saving and (or) vibration".

The sisterships Pensacola Salt Lake City are declared to 'suffer from lack of freeboard". The description adds, "Vibration is excessive, mainly due to the shape of their sterns, and they roll considerably".

"Jane's" is regarded as an authoritative work based on information from only the highest sources.

Federal intermediate credit bank loans to financing agencies totaled $78,470,000 in October this year compared with $63,119,000 in October, 1930



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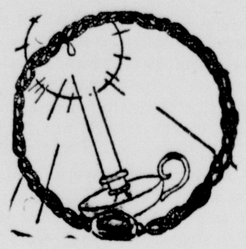
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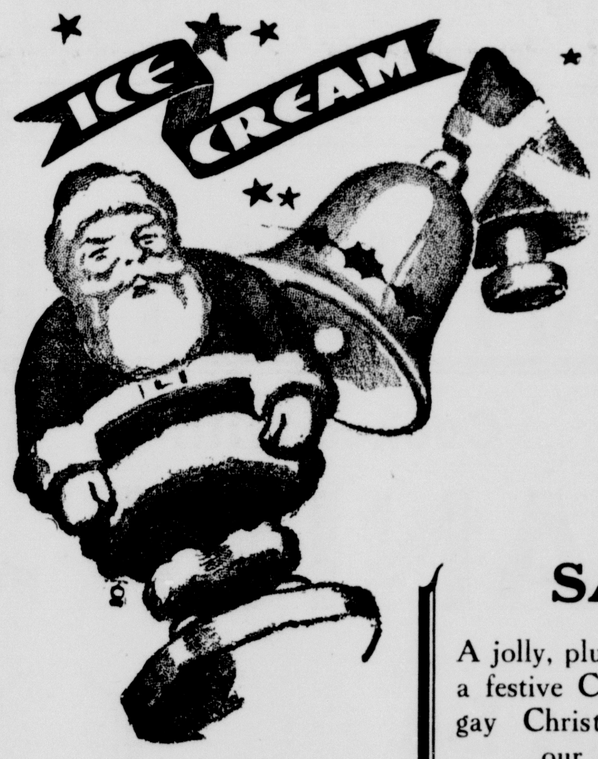
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WHAT IS CHRISTMAS.

By Marjorie Shuler

The merriest day, the saddest day, the day that you are happiest over all you have had, the day that your heart aches most for all that you have missed or have had and lost—that's Christmas.

That day that sets you tingling with joyous anticipation for weeks beforehand, the day you wish you could sleep straight through and thus wipe off your calendar—that's Christmas. The day that rouses in you all that is generous and tolerant and kindly, the day that wearies you with sentimentality and disaappointment and despair—that's Christmas.

Christmas is like the illusion and despair—that's Christmas.

Christmas is like the illusion produced by the East Indian fakir. There he squats in the dust waving a bright-colored rag. One onlooker sees a star of hope, another a tree glittering with gifts, another an octopus of bills squeezing and crushing, another nothing.

But stop. Have not all of us helped to maintain the illusion by our willingness to accept as true whatever seemed to take form and shape out of the dust?

More than that, are not we ourselves responsible for some of the imaginary creations that obscure the beautiful reality of Christmas?

There is the story of Santa Claus, kindly intentioned but nevertheless a myth. And a continual feeding of the child's excitement by references to what he may get. Always what he is likely to receive; rarely what he ought to give. The child, wearied by all the unaccustomed excitement and the adjustment to so many new things, or sensing the emptiness of the giftless days to follow Christmas, has his first taste of disappointment.

Then suddnely he slips over the line. He is no longer a child to take such pleasure in receiving. He must learn to rejoice in giving. And to find gratification in giving whether or not he has a keen personal interest in the recipient. Because until he has done that every broken family tie, every disappointment in human relationship will recur in memory at Christmas time to make it a season of poignant regret.

Or suppose he has the loved one and wants to give, oh, so much more than his pocketbook will afford. He measures his ability to be generous in dollars, whereas there are a hundred things any of us would prefer to the most expensive jewel: the promise of a hundred smiles throughout the year to come, the pledge from a chronic worrier to stop fretting, the assurance from a secretive person that he will share the troubles that otherwise might lead to baffling, tormenting behavior.

But, you say, these are not gifts for Christmas. No, they cannot be wrapped in gay paper and tied with tinsel cord, but they will outlast any material human hands can create and occasion deeper joy than the most precious article that ever was displayed in shop window.

Of course they cannot be conferred with one grand gesture on Christmas Day. They must be delivered on appropriate occasions during the year. But might not that be an excellent way of easing up on the intensity of this one great fling of giving which so often engulfs us?

A good citizen of the United States does not think that to listen to the reading of the Declaration of Indepennece once a year or to participate in the gayest kind of July Fourth picnic satisfies his obligations to his country.

Christmas, too, is an anniversary of a past happening which actuates human motives, words, and deeds today. It celebrates the coming of a Babe in a manger, who lived in the humble surroundings of a carpenter shop, and in a few brief years established a ministry of love and healing which is the hope of thousands today.

But that hope is not born in human hearts only upon Christmas Day. Perhaps less then than at other times. It comes in hours of pain or trouble. It comes in moments of uplifted thinking. It comes whenever we will have it. Why not then begin to think of Christmas being every day, not just once a year?

So many legends have sprung up around the day that it is sometimes difficult to separate fact from fancy. There is the story, for instance, of the humble woodcutter who had cut green branches for his hovel but had nothing with which to beautify those branches for his children's joy. Then in the snow he found a child shivering in his rags, hungry for want of food. The woodcutter brought the child to the warmth of his fire and gave him his own supper. By morning the child had vanished, but there on the boughs was a web of light, just such a blaze of gold and silver as many happy fingers will be tracing over thousands of trees on Christmas Eve this year.

But the woodcutter received because he gave, not in exchange for a gift expected in return, but to a helpless child whose need made him indeed one of those "little ones" to serve whom is to serve the Father of all.

There is one symbol which we know relates directly to that first Christmas. The gifts which we stuff into stockings, or pile under trees, or send through the mails, are carry ourselves to our friends are the sign of those other presents of gold and frankincense and myrrh which the wise men of the East laid beneath the star at the feet of the Babe in the manger. But they were "wise" men. They did not give to each other, but to one they hailed as "Master".

What a Christmas this would be for the whole world if every one of us would wrap up that secret worry, that canker of resentment, that bit of black depression, that impatience, malice, or hatred which we have carried around, willingly or unwillingly, with us for so long! And, having wrapped it up, that we should place it at the feet of the Christ Child and go away and leave it there to be transformed into a priceless offering of self-sacrifice and self-abnegation.

And if in that same secret altar place of our hearts we should lay down the bits of patience, kindness, and gentleness we should like to pass on to others all this year that they to may be magnified and glorified by contact with our highest sense of good.

To do this would be a celebration worthy of the One whose anniversary day it is. To do this would bring to ourselves joy and satisfaction and peace. For Christmas is to each of us just what we make it.—Pictorial Review.

74 YEARS AGO

It is a gloomy moment in history. Not for many years—not in the lifetime of most men who read this paper—has there been so much grave and deep apprehension; never has the future seemed so incalculable as at this time. In our own country there is universal commercial prostration and panic, and thousands of our poorest fellowcitizens are turned out against the approaching winter without employment, and without the prospect of it.

In France the political caldron seethes and bubbles with uncertainty; Russia hangs as usual, like a cloud, dark and silent upon the horizon of Europe; while all the energies, resources and influences of the British empire are sorely tried, and are yet to be tried more sorely, in coping with the vast and deadly Indian insurrection, and with its disturbed relations in China.

It is a solemn moment, and no man can feel an indifference (which, happily, no man pretends to feel) in the issue of events.

Of our own troubles no man can see the end. They are, fortunatley, as yet mainly commercial; and if we are only to lose money, and by painful poverty to be taught wisdom—the wisdom of honor, of faith, of sympathy and of charity—no man need seriously to despair. And yet the very haste to be rich, which is the occasion of this wide-spread calamity has also tended to destroy the moral forces with which we are to resist and subdue the calamity.—Harper's Weekly of October 10, 1857.

Versailles—W. M. Otten opened fruit market in his M System Store.

INDIGESTION

"My work is confining, and often I eat hurriedly, causing me to have indigestion. Gas will form and I will smother and have pains in my chest.

"I had to be careful what I ate, but after someone had recommended Black-Draught and I found a small pinch after meals was so helpful, I soon was eating anything I wanted.

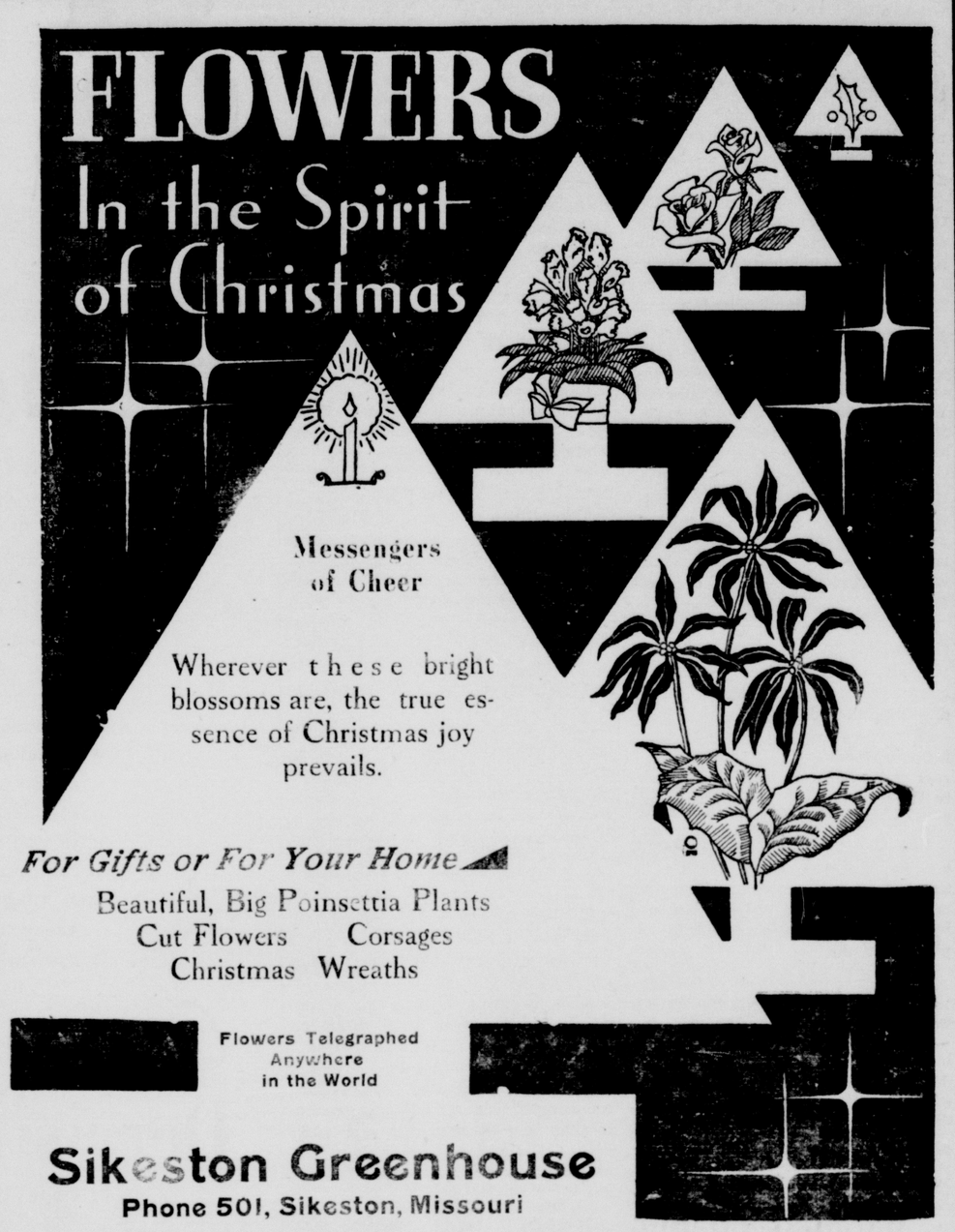
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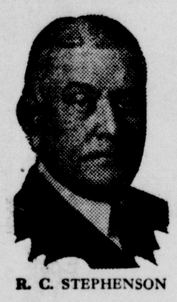
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GETTING BUSINESS GLOOM BEHIND US

By ROME C. STEPHENSON
President American Bankers Association

THERE is such a thing as over-staying a depression just as there is of over-staying a boom. Over-confidence makes the great majority miss the turn in a boom, and under-confidence makes them miss it in a depression. A leading New York banker was asked recently when he could tell that a turn for the better had come. "About three months after it has happened," he candidly replied.


R. C. STEPHENSON

There is more significance in that remark than appears on the surface. As more and more manufacturers and business men realize that the turn has already come and that they are over-staying the time to adopt constructive policies, they begin cautiously to press their selling campaigns, to speed up their production, to enlarge their working forces and increase their commitments for supplies. It is the gathering weight of their influences that finally raises the pressure of confidence to the dynamic power of recovery.

The surest way to bring the nation out of the business depression is to raise the pressure of public confidence to the point of becoming such a dynamic force. It has invariably been the push of that force which has started recovery in the past, and it is the gathering power of this force which will start recovery from this present depression.

It is a favorable sign of the times that there seems to be general agreement that the bottom of the depression has been reached and all eyes are peeled and looking ahead for the first indications that the turn for the better is in sight. Who knows but what the first thing we know we will find ourselves looking backward instead of forward as we realize that the turn has already come. It is a rough and rocky road that runs across the bottom of the valley of business depression, and most of us are too busy steering the old Ford from bump to bump to be able to take in all the scenery. So who knows but what some important changes in the landscape are already taking place.

BANKERS FAVOR GRADUAL CHANGE

National Commission Believes Local Sentiment Should Govern Evolution in Methods of Conducting Banking.

IF substantial changes are to be brought about in branch banking in the United States they should originate within the states rather than from Washington on inter-state lines as proposed in "trade area" branch banking plans, a recent report of the Economic Policy Commission of the American Bankers Association declares. Such changes, it adds, "should develop by evolutionary rather than revolutionary stages."

"The extension of branch banking through state action would mean that states not now permitting state banks to have branches or else closely restricting them, would individually liberalize their laws as an expression of changing local desires and conditions, and this doubtless would insure a deliberate, evolutionary process," the report says. "The other method, that is, through Federal action, would mean a sweeping change for the country as a whole, for legislation granting branch banking powers to national banks in all states, regardless of local sentiment, would, of course, induce equivalent branch banking enactments in every state in the Union not now permitting or really wanting state banks to have branches, in order to keep them on a competitive equality.

Upholds State Privileges

"We find some bankers who feel that a proper stimulus to the development of branch banking would be given by the Federal Government taking the initiative through granting broader privileges within state lines to national banks than they now enjoy. It is argued that state governments could then follow suit as to state banks and that in this way a more progressive branch banking attitude might be promoted by the national banks taking the lead. While we do not deny that there may be some merit in this view as to some specific localities, we stand firm nevertheless on the principle that no such grant of powers to national banks should cross state lines, or exceed the privileges that state legislatures could and would grant to their state banks.

"Moreover we believe that if the choice between these two possible courses of extending branch banking were put up to bankers they would be generally opposed to any forcible imposition of branch banking on the states through the medium of the national bank system. We believe it would be preferable for any change to come about through the more gradual and democratic method of the states granting their banks branch banking powers state by state where, if, and as local conditions and sentiment might be ready for a change"

BANKERS DEVELOP NEW FINANCE AID

President of American Bankers Association Describes Plan and Services of National Credit Corporation

NEW YORK.—The National Credit Corporation, a billion dollar cooperative institution, is the method worked out by bankers to put into practical effect the central point in President Hoover's plan for renewing the commercial and industrial activity of the nation as proposed in his statement to the nation of October 7, Harry J. Haas, president of the American Bankers Association stated in a recent interview.

The corporation is strictly cooperative in character, he said, to unite the entire banking system and increase the effectiveness of the financial services of banks to their communities in rural districts as well as the cities. The plan will marshal the banking resources of the country, he explained, by creating a national institution whose funds will be loaned when necessary to banks which have assets in their portfolios that are thoroughly sound but are not eligible for loans at federal reserve banks.

To Benefit Everybody

"There is no citizen in the United States but will benefit in very practical ways from the results of the operation of this forward-looking plan of cooperation, which may be regarded as one of the most constructive steps that have been taken toward revival of sound business activity," Mr. Haas declared, adding:

"The National Credit Corporation represents an instrumentality that should have far-reaching effect in restoring the confidence of the public. The plan not only has been formulated by the country's leading banking authorities, but also will be carried out locally as well as nationally by banking representatives who have given their time and thought to this undertaking as a real public service.

"The American Bankers Association convention was in session at the time the plan was proposed and unanimously endorsed it in principle. I have examined the detailed formulation of the working plans as developed by the incessant labors of some of the Nation's leading bankers who have undertaken to put it into practical operation in single-minded devotion to the national welfare, and I am able to say without reservation that the National Credit Corporation as set up by them constitutes a practical, sound and efficient means for carrying out President Hoover's proposal."

HARD TIMES RENEW BANKER'S OPTIMISM

Former Bankers' Chief Finds Much in Past Year to Inspire Confidence in Financial Reliability

ROME C. STEPHENSON, retiring president of the American Bankers Association, declared in an address on the expiration of his term of office that, in travelling about among the banks from one end of the country to the other during the past year, he had "come out of it with a renewed faith in the strength of our banking structure and our banking situation, and a renewed faith particularly in the spirit and courage of the men in the banks that have enabled them to rise unconquered over difficulties such as men never had to face before, or to accept with fortitude misfortunes that were beyond human power to prevent."

When he reflected, he said, that the "entire human economic structure has been brought to the verge of ruin under the difficulties that have swept over not only the nation but the entire world, and that the results of events of this kind react with particular directness upon the stability of our banks, and yet how few have succumbed, we may well renew our confidence in the banks of America; when we think also of how many of our bankers have stood up under the stress and storms of these times and how relatively few of them have been proved wanting in the series of crises that have assailed them, we may well feel a sincere pride in our fellow bankers." He added:

"So I come out of this year of somber experiences not as a pessimist, but as an optimist—as one with a renewed faith and confidence in the spirit of his fellow men under overwhelming difficulties. And particularly do I come out of this year as a banker who is proud of his fellow bankers for the undaunted way in which they have met their part of the great test through which the times have put the nation. I believe that this year has brought new honor to our banking traditions and our banking profession and has won for the banker new title to the faith and trust of all classes of his fellow citizens."

Wise Spending

Careful and wise spending will help solve our economic problems and will be of untold benefit to the farmer. Our troubles are not caused by the spending of money, but because it was spent unwisely.

SUCCESSOR TRUSTEES' SALE

WHEREAS, A. J. Matthews & Company, Incorporated, a corporation of the State of Missouri, by its certain First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust, dated as of February 1, 1923, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for Scott County, Missouri, in Book 46 at Pages 390 to 439 inclusive, and by its Supplemental Indentures, dated, and recorded at the said Recorder's Office, as follows:

Supplemental Indenture dated December 18, 1925, recorded in Book 52 at Pages 641 and 642

Supplemental Indenture dated January 7, 1928, recorded in Book 57 at Pages 246 and 247

Supplemental Indenture dated January 28, 1928, recorded in Book 57 at Pages 247 and 248

Supplemental Indenture dated April 25, 1928, recorded in Book 57 at Pages 291 and 292

Supplemental Indenture dated July 11, 1928, recorded in Book 57 at Pages 360 and 361

Supplemental Indenture dated September 18, 1928, recorded in Book 57 at Pages 424 to 426

Supplemental Indenture dated October 1, 1931, recorded in Book 61 at Pages 288 and 289

conveyed to the Liberty Central Trust Company of St. Louis, Missouri, a corporation of the State of Missouri, as Trustee, and | or W. C. Connett and L. E. Stern, Successor Trustees, to secure an issue of $1,700,000.00 of its First and Refunding Mortgage Six Per Cent Gold Bonds, the following described real estate sistuated in the County of Scott, and State of Missouri:

TRACT NO. 3

Thirty-two acres off the south side of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section Twenty-nine; also all that part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section Twenty-eight, and of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section Thirty-three, which lies southwesterly of the right-of-way of the St. Louis Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad Company, containing 38.65 acres, more or less: all in Township Twenty-eight, Range Thirteen East.

TRACT NO. 4

The South One-half of the Northwest Quarter and all of the Southwest Quarter, and all that part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter lying South and West of the Iron Mountain Railroad right-of-way, all in Section Twenty-nine; also the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and the East One-half of the Southeast quarter of Section Thirty; also the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section Thirty-one, and the North One-half of the North One-half of Section Thirty-two, excepting therefrom the right-of-way of the Frisco Railroad as now located over and across the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section Twenty-nine and said land in Section Thirty and the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section Thirty-two: all in Township Twenty-eight North, Range Thirteen East, and containing 557.46 acres, more or less.

TRACT NO. 5

The Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and all that part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and the West One-half of the Southwest Quarter lying North and East of the St. Louis Iron Mountain & Southern Railroad right-of-way: all in Section Twenty. Township Twenty-eight North, Range Thirteen East, and containing 95 acres, more or less. Also that part of the Southeast Quarter of Northeast Quarter of Section Nineteen lying north and east of St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Railroad right of way, in Township Twenty-eight North, Range Thirteen East.

TRACT NO. 6

The undivided two-thirds interest in all of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section Twenty, Township Twenty-eight North, Range Thirteen East, except two acres in a square in the southeast corner of said Southeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter.

TRACT NO. 8

The East One-half of the Northeast Quarter and the East One-half of the West One-half of the Northeast Quarter of Section Fifteen: all in Township Twenty-eight North, Range Twelve East, except a strip of even width containing 7.3 acres off the East side of said East One-half of Northeast Quarter.

TRACT NO. 9

The Southwest Quarter of Section Eight; all in Township Twenty-eight North, Range Twelve East, except ditch right of way.

TRACT NO. 10

All of Section Twenty-seven except the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; all in Township Twenty-nine North, Range Twelve East, and except about four acres which lie North and East of the Missouri Pacific Railroad right of way in the Northeast Quarter of Northeast Quarter of said Section.

TRACT NO. 11

The West One-half of the West One-half of Section Thirty-two, Township Twenty-nine North, Range Twelve East.

TRACT NO. 12

The East One-half of the Northeast Quarter of Section Thirty-two, Township Twenty-nine North, Range Twelve East.

TRACT NO. 13

The North One-half of the Northwest Quarter of Section Thirty-three, Township Twenty-nine North, Range Twelve East.

TRACT NO. 14

The North One-half of the Northeast Quarter of Section Thirty-three, Township Twenty-nine North, Range Twelve East.

TRACT NO. 15

The South One-half of the North One-half of Section Thirty-three, Township Twenty-nine North, Range Twelve East.

TRACT NO. 16

The South One-half of Section Thirty-three except about seven acres in southeast corner being used by the Little River Drainage District; all in Township Twenty-nine North, Range Twelve East.

TRACT NO. 18

All that part of the West One-half of the Northwest Quarter and of the North One-half of the Southwest Quarter of Section Twenty-six lying West of the St. Louis Iron Mountain & Southern Railroad Company right-of-way; all in Township Twenty-nine North, Range Twelve East.

TRACT NO. 20

The Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section Thirteen, Township Twenty-nine North, Range Twelve East.

TRACT NO. 21

The West half of the Northwest Quarter in Section twenty-eight (28), the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter in Section Twenty-nine (29), and the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter in Section twenty (20), all in Township twenty-eight (28) North, Range thirteen (13) East.

TRACT NO. 22

The Northwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter of Section Twenty-one, Township Twenty-eight North, Range Twelve East.

TRACT NO. 94

That part of the Southeast Quarter of Section Eleven and of the Northeast Quarter of Section Fourteen which lies East of the Ditch; the West One-half of the Southwest Quarter of Section Twelve; the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section Thirteen, and that part of the Southwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter and of the Northwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter of Section Thirteen which lies East of the Ditch; the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section Thirteen; all that part of the East One-half of Northwest Quarter of Section Thirteen which lies South of center of Drainage Ditch, described as beginning at a point in center of ditch, which point is also in the East line of said East One-half of Northwest Quarter and distant 20.40 chains south from the Northeast corner of said East One-half of Northwest Quarter, thence so, 89 degrees 30' West with center of ditch 18.32 chains to a point, thence North 86 degrees 30' West 1.43 chains with center of ditch to intersection of 1-16 section line dividing Northwest Quarter of Section Thirteen North and South, thence South on said 1-16 section line to the Southwest corner of said East One-half of Northwest Quarter, thence East with the South line of said East One-half of Northwest Quarter to the Southeast corner thereof, thence North with the East line of said East One-half of Northwest Quarter to the point of beginning; also all that part of the West One-half of Northeast Quarter of Section Thirteen which lies South and East of center of drainage ditch, described as beginning at a point in center of drainage ditch 9.04 chains South from East 1-16 corner between Sections Twelve and Thirteen on 1-16 section line dividing the Northeast Quarter of Section Thirteen North and South, thence South 49 degrees 50' West in center of ditch 2.86 chains to a point, thence South 59 degrees West 4.10 chains with center of ditch to a point, thence South 48 degrees 30' West 9.60 chains with center of ditch to a point, thence South 70 degrees West 4 chains with center of ditch to a point, thence South 89 degrees 30' West 2.81 chains with center of ditch to the intersection of the ¼ section line dividing Section Thirteen North and South, thence South on said ¼ section line to the center of Section Thirteen, thence East on the South line of said West One-half of Northeast Quarter of Section Thirteen to the Southeast corner thereof, thence North on the East line of said West One-half of Northeast Quarter to the point of beginning, excepting, however, so much of said West One-half of Northeast Quarter of Section Thirteen as lies East of the center of Lateral No. Two of Drainage District No. Twelve; all in Township Twenty-eight North, Range Twelve East. Also the West One-half of Northeast Quarter and Northeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter and Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter and West One-half of Southwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Section Seven; and all that part of the Southwest Quarter of Section Seven described as beginning at a point 20.39 chains south of the center of Section Seven, which point is also the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter of said Section Seven, thence West on the 1-16 section line dividing the Southwest Quarter of said Section Seven thru the center East and West, at 20.39 chains to the 1-16 in center of said Southwest Quarter, and pump pipe 1½"x40" set at this corner, thence South 73¾ degrees West 4.78 chains thru concrete road culvert to a point on the West side of water flow opening of said concrete culvert in center of Rocky Branch and on West boundary line of the Oran and Chaffee public road, thence from said point South 7 degrees West on the West line of County Road .12 chains to a pump pipe 1½"x30" long at 4.59 chains to Sycamore 6" in diameter, thence South 22 degrees East 7.16 chains to line in center of private road on West side of County Road and set a pump pipe 1½" in diameter at this point, thence South 68 degrees West with center of private road 5.21 chains to the East line of Missouri Pacific Railroad right-of-way and pump pipe 1½" in diameter at this point, thence Southeast with East line of said Railway right-of-way to the South line of said Section Seven, thence East with the South line of said Section Seven to the Southeast corner of said Southwest Quarter of Section Seven, thence North with the East line of said Southwest Quarter of Section Seven to the point of beginning; also the North One-half of the Northwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter of Section Eighteen, and that part of the North One-half of Northeast Quarter of Southwest quarter of Section Eighteen which lies North of A. J. Matthews 1st and 2nd Additions to the Town of Oran, and lies West of the Frisco Railroad right-of-way; all of said land in Sections Seven and Eighteen, being in Township Twenty-eight North, Range Thirteen East. Also one acre, more or less, being that part of Northwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter of Section Eighteen, Township 28 North, Range 13 East, lying east of Frisco Railroad right of way.

TRACT NO. 95

The Northeast Quarter of Section Eight, and the Northwest Quarter of Section Twenty, in Township Twenty-nine North, Range Thirteen East.

TRACT NO. 96

The West One-half of Southeast Quarter of Section Twenty-one, in Township Twenty-eight North, Range Thirteen East.

TRACT NO. 102

The Northeast Quarter and the East One-half of Northwest Quarter of Section Eighteen, in Township Twenty-eight North, Range Twelve East.

TRACT NO. 103

All that part of the South One-half of Section Thirty-two which lies South and West of St. John's Drainage Ditch; in Township Twenty-seven North, Range Fourteen East; also the North 13 acres, more or less, of the Northwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter of Section Five, in Township Twenty-six North, Range Fourteen East.

TRACT NO. 103-A

All that part of Section Sixteen which lies West of St. John's Drainage Ditch, and all that part of the East One-half of Section Seventeen which lies West of said Ditch; also the East One-half of Southwest Quarter and the East 30.61 acres of the West One-half of Southwest Quarter of Section Seventeen; all in Township Twenty-six North, Range Fourteen East.

Subject to public road, railroad and ditch rights of way or easements, if any existing or of record, as to all of the lands above described.

Lots 5, 6 and 7, Block 1; Lot 13 Block 2; Lots 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 Block 3; Lots 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6, Block 5 and Lot 1 in Block 7, all in Matthews Second Addition; Also Lots 1 and 2, Block 6 in C. & A. J. Matthews Addition. All of the above decribed property being in the town of Vanduser.

Lots 2 and 3, Block Eleven, C. & A. J. Matthews Second Addition, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, Block one, C. & A. J. Matthews Third Addition, Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, Block Two C. & A. J. Matthews Third Addition, Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, Bock Three, C. & A. J. Matthews Third Addition. All of the above described property being in the Town of Oran.

The South Twenty-three (23) feet of Lot 10, and all of Lots 11 and 12 in Block 24.

Lots 1, 11, 12, 13 and 14 Block 4.

All of the above property being in the original Town of Oran.

which conveyance was made to the said Liberty Central Trust Company in trust to secure payment of principal and interest of the bonds and other obligations in said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust specified; and

WHEREAS, by Supplemental Indenture, dated March 18, 1929, recorded in Book 60 at Pages 75 to 79 of the Deed of Trust Records in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for Scott County and State of Missouri, said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust was amended and modified to provide for appointment of one or more individuals as Trustees thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Liberty Central Trust Company, Trustee under said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust, did, by instrument in writing, dated March 20, 1929, recorded in Book 102 at Pages 186 to 187 of the Deed Records in the Recorders Office of Scott County, Missouri, resign as Trustee under said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust; and

WHEREAS, by instrument in writing, dated May 11, 1929, recorded in Book 102 at Pages 187 to 189 of the Deed Records in the Recorder's Office of Scott County, Missouri, the holders of the majority of outstanding bonds secured by said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust appointed W. C. Connett and L. E. Stern as Successor Trustees under said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust; and

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of the interest on the said bonds secured by said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust, and such default has continued for a period of more than sixty (60) days, and the said Successor Trustees, upon the written request of the holders of more than twenty-five per cent (25%) in amount of the bonds now outstanding, have declared the principal of all said outstanding bonds secured by said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust to be due and payable, and the said interest and principal, in the amount of $1,703,800.00, are now past due and remain unpaid; and

WHERAS, the Trustees and | or the holders of bonds under said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust have advanced money for the payment of taxes and other purposes provided for in said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust, which advancements are also unpaid;

NOW, THEREFORE, at the request of the legal holders of more than twenty-five per cent (25%) in amount of the bonds issued and outstanding secured by said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust, the undersigned Successor Trustees will sell the property hereinabove described at public venude to the highest bidder for cash at the east front door of the Courthouse in the town of Benton, County of Scott, and State of Missouri on Monday, January 4, 1932, between the hours of nine o'clock A. M. and five o'clock P. M., for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness and the cost of executing this trust.

At said sale the undersigned will offer said real estate as a whole and in suitable parcels.

W. C. CONNETT
L. E. STERN
Successor Trustees.

SUCCESSOR TRUSTEES' SALE

WHEREAS, A. J. Matthews & Company, Incorporated, a corporation of the State of Missouri, by its certain First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust, dated as of February 1, 1923, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for Scott County, Missouri, in Book 46 at Pages 390 to 439 inclusive, conveyed to the Liberty Central Trust Company of St. Louis, Missouri, a corporation of the State of Missouri, as Trustee, certain real estate situated in the County of Scott and State of Missouri, which conveyance was made to the said Liberty Central Trust Company in trust to secure payment of principal and interest of the bonds and other obligations in said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust specified; and

WHEREAS, said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust provided among other things that all moneys and | or considerations received by the Trustee for the releases of property described therein from the lien thereof should be paid into a Sinking Fund; and

WHEREAS, by Supplemental Indenture, dated March 18, 1929, recorded in Book 60 at Pages 75 to 79 of the Deed of Trust Records in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for Scott County, State of Missouri, said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust was amended and modified to provide for appointment of one or more individuals as Trustees thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Liberty Central Trust Company, Trustee under said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust, did by instrument in writing, dated March 20, 1929, recorded in Book 102 at Pages 186 to 187 of the Deed Records in the Recorder's Office of Scott County, Missouri, resign as Trustee under said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust; and

WHEREAS, by instrument in writing, dated May 11, 1929, recorded in Book 102 at Pages 187 to 189 of the Deed Records in the Recorder's Office of Scott County, Missouri, the holders of the majority of outstanding bonds secured by said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust appointed W. C. Connett and L. E. Stern as Successor Trustees under said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust; and

WHEREAS, by instrument in writing, dated May 11, 1929, recorded in Book 102 at Pages 187 to 189 of the Deed Records in the Recorder's Office of Scott County, Missouri, the holders of the majority of outstanding bonds secured by said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust appointed W. C. Connett and L. E. Stern as Successor Trustees under said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust; and

WHEREAS, W. C. Connett and L. E. Stern, Successor Trustees under said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust, now hold as a part of the Sinking Fund, provided for therein, the following described real estate situated in the County of Scott and State of Missouri:

All that part of the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section Nineteen, which lies west of the right of way of the St Louis Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad Company, containing twenty-eight acres, more or less; the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter and the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section Nineteen except the right of way of the Frisco Railroad Company; that part of the West half of Section Twenty, which lies west of the right of way of the St Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad Company; all that part of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section Twenty-nine, which lies west of the right of way of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad Company, containing twenty-five acres, more or less; the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section Thirty, except the right of way of the Frisco Railroad Company; all in Township Twenty-eight North, Range Thirteen East.

The Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section Twenty-Nine, Township Twenty-eight North, Range Thirteen East.

The West half of the Northeast quarter; the Northwest quarter and the South half of section Ten in Township Twenty-eight North, Range Twelve East.

The South half of the Northeast quarter of Section Thirty-four. The South half of the Northwest quarter of Section Thirty-five and that part of the Southwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section Thirty-five which lies South and West of the right of way of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad Company, and 17.67 acres off of the North side of that part of the Southeast quarter of Section 35 which lies South and West of the right of way of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad Company, Township 29 North Range 12 East.

All that part of the North half of the Northeast quarter and that part of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section Thirty-five lying North and East of the right of way of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad Company, also the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 36; all in Township Twenty-nine North, Range Twelve East.

The North half of the Northwest quarter and the South half of the Southwest quarter of Section Thirty-four, Township Twenty-nine North, Range Twelve East.

The South half of the Southeast quarter; the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter, and that part of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter, which lies East of St. Johns Drainage Ditch and South of the Latteral Dredge Ditch, all in Section Nine; All of Sections Sixteen and Seventeen which lies East of St. Johns Drainage Ditch, except three acres in the Southeast corner of Section Sixteen, used for Church, School and Mill; also all that part of the Northeast quarter of Section Twenty-one which lies North of the right of way of the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company, all in Township Twenty-six North, Range Fourteen East.

Subject to a certain uncompleted earnest money contract, dated April 29, 1931, executed by one William Duba, covering the North half of the Northeast quarter of Section Twenty-one lying North of the Missouri Pacific Railroad and the South half of Section Sixteen lying East of St. John's Drainage Ditch except two acres in the Northeast corner of the Northeast quarter and about four acres in the Southeast corner of the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section Sixteen, all in Township Twenty-six, Range Fourteen, containing 342.98 acres more or less.

And said W. C. Connett and L. E. Stern, successor trustees, also hold as a part of said sinking fund the following described notes and deeds of trust:

Nine notes of Paul P. Halter and Clara Alvina Halter for $409.00 each, all dated March 10, 1926, due respectively, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine and ten years after date thereof, all of said notes payable to the order of A. J. Matthews and Company, Inc., and all bearing interest from date to maturity at the rate of six per cent per annum, payable annually and at the rate of eight per cent per annum after maturity until paid, on which nine notes there is an unpaid balance of $3581.00 together with interest, and said nine notes are secured by a deed of trust on 91 and 1-100 acres out of Section seven, Township twenty-eigth North, Range thirteen east and Section twelve, Township twenty-eight north, Range twelve east. For a detailed description of which 91 and 1-100 acres refer here to the record of said deed of trust in Book 55 at Page 154 to 157 inclusive of the deed of trust records in the Recorder's Office of Scott County, Missouri. Said deed of trust is second and inferior to the lien of the first deed of trust originally for $1500.00 and interest in favor of the Kansas City Joint Stock Land Bank or assigns.

Also five notes executed by Martin T. Menz to the order of A. J. Matthews and Company, Inc., all dated November 14, 1931, payable at the First National Bank in St. Louis, Missouri. Four of which notes are for the principal sum of $300.00 each due respectively on or before December 1, 1932, December 1, 1933, December 1, 1934 and December 1, 1935 and the fifth note being for the principal sum of $800.00 due on or before December 1, 1936, all said notes bearing interest from date until maturity at the rate of six per cent per annum, payable annually and after maturity at the rate of eight per cent per annum, which five notes are secured by a deed of trust recorded in Book 61 at Page 263 to 265 in the deed records at the office of the Recorder of Scott County, Missouri, which deed of trust was given as a first lien on all that part of the North half of the Northwest quarter and that part of the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section Thirty-five lying North of Caney Basin Ditch and West of the Missouri Pacific Railroad and Public Road in Township Twenty-nine Range Twelve containing 76 acres more or less. Scott County, Missouri

Said five notes of Martin T. Menz represent part purchase money of the land last above described and together represent an unpaid balance of $2000.00 principal.

Also five notes of Frederick K. Seeman and Katherina Seeman all dated September 23, 1931, payable to the order of A. J. Matthews and Company, Inc., at the First National Bank in St. Louis, Missouri. Four of said notes being for the principal sum of $200.00 each, due respectively on or before January 1, 1933, January 1, 1934, January 1, 1935, January 1, 1936 and the fifth being for the principal sum of $1000.00 due on or before January 1, 1937, all of said notes bearing interest from January 1, 1932 until paid at the rate of six per cent per annum, payable annually. Said five notes represent a total of $1800.00 unpaid balance, and are secured by part purchase money deed of trust, recorded in Book 61 at Page 281 to 283 of the deed records in the Office of the Recorder of Scott County, Missouri which deed of trust was given as a first lien on the North half of the Northeast quarter of Section thirty-four, Township twenty-nine North, Range Twelve east containing eighty acres more or less. Scott County, Missouri

Also two notes of Frank Amhrein to the order of A. J. Matthews and Company, Inc., both dated December 2, 1931, one note being for $640.00 due on or before August 15, 1932 and the other for the principal sum of $800.00 due on or before December 15, 1932, both notes being payable at the First National Bank in St. Louis, Missouri and both bearing interest at the rate of six per cent per annum from maturity. Said two notes representing an unpaid balance of $1440.00 and secured by part purchase money deed of trust covering the South half of the Northwest quarter and the North half of the Southwest quarter of Section Thirty-four, Township twenty-nine North, Range Twelve East, Scott County, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of the interest on the bonds secured by said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust, and such default has continued for a period of more than sixty days, and the said Successor Trustees, upon the written request of the holders of more than twenty-five per cent (25%) in amount of the bonds now outstanding, have declared the principal of all said outstanding bonds secured by said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust to be due and payable, and the said interest and principal are now past due and remain unpaid and said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust is being foreclosed; and

WHEREAS, the above described real estate, notes and deeds of trust cannot be distributed in kind among the holders of said bonds and a sale of same is necessary in order to make such distribution:

NOW, THEREFORE, at the request of the legal holders of more than twenty-five per cent (25%) in amount of the bonds issued and outstanding secured by said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust, the undersigned Successor Trustees will sell the property and notes and Deeds of Trust hereinabove described at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash at the east front door of the Courthouse in the town of Benton, County of Scott, and State of Missouri on Monday, January 4, 1932, between the hours of nine o'clock A. M. and five o'clock P. M., for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness and the cost of executing this trust. At said sale the undersigned will offer said real estate as a whole and in suitable parcels and will offer said notes and deeds of trust as a whole and separately.

W. C. CONNETT
L. E. STERN
Successor Trustees.

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Dear Santa:

Last year I asked you for so many things and you brought me everything I asked for so this year I am only going to ask for one thing. I have tried so hard and have asked all my friends, but none of them seem to know just what I want, they just laugh at me. So please, Santa, just bring me one thing—and here is what it is: I want a dog.

GRANVILLE McCARY.

Matthews, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus:

We are two little girls who live on a farm and ride to school every day on the new school bus with lots and lots of other little kiddies. We are writing to you, Santa, for a few little presents. We want a story book, a dear little doll in a sulky buggy, a sewing machine so that we can sew for our dollies. Listen Santa, we would like to ask you if it would be alright for us to hunt up and polish up several of our "out-grown" toys and send them to some poor little children whom you may not find or get to see on Xmas eve? If we can't do this, will you please not forget them? And Santa, please don't forget Katherine Marie for she is so tiny that she can't write yet. Please try to bring her a rattler and a pair of bootees. We will close for this year with much love to you and hoping that you don't forget mother and daddy and grandma and oh, just everybody.

MARTHA ANN DEANE
FRANCOISE DEANE

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy 4 years old and I try to be godo. Santa, you were real nice to me last year, so I don't want to ask you to bring me too much. I would like to have a cowboy suit, baseball glove, football and anything else you want me to have. Please don't forget the other little boys and girls. Santa my tree lights will be burning in my window so you can see my tree.

LEONARD KINDRED

Dear Santa:

I am writing a few lines to let you know what I want for Christmas. I want a train, cards, top, ball, cars, and don't forget the other boys and girls.

JOSEPH MIEDERHOFF

Dear Santa Claus:

Will you please bring me a baby doll with rubber arms and a pacifier and dressed in blue, and a bed—not a doll bed but one for myself and a big red ball and a compact. Please don't forget Aunt Rene.

MADELONE SCHLLIAN

Dear Santa Claus:

I want to tell you what I want. I want you to bring me a fountain pen and pencil, a new coat and a story book. Don't forget the other little children.

RAYNETTE MOLL

Dear Santa Claus:

I am writing to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a writing desk, new dress and some nuts and candy. Don't forget the other little children.

VIOLET TAYLOR

Dear Santa:

I have been a good little boy this year and I live on love, so I want you to bring me a little brown-haired baby named Helen and also bring me a book on football and you can bring me some candy and some cigarettes and some new football plays for next year.

P S. Bring my country friend from Morley, Tharon Stallings, a new pair of white pants because he tore the pair he had during football season.

"SONNY" BILL MILLER

Dear Santa:

I wish you would bring me a fountain pen and an Eversharp pencil, a box of stationery, a ring, a necklace, a doll and a cradle. Don't forget the other little children.

ANITA BEAL

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy just 8 months old. I have big blue eyes, and blonde hair. Everybody says I am very sweet and mother says I'm a real good baby, so Santa, please bring me a bill ball, a doll and lots of candy and oranges. Santa dear, please don't forget my mother and my grandpa and grandma Stobaugh. They live at Matthews, and my grandma and grandpa Ramsey. Mother and I are living with them. Don't forget any of my relations, especially my aunt, Mrs. Bennie Moser. She keeps me when mother goes to town.

HAROLD RAYE STOBAUGH

Matthews, Mo.,

Dear Santa:

I'm just a little boy and haven't much to say, but I though I'd write and tell you what I want for Xmas. Now Santa, I don't want to be greedy, I just want a little airplane, a toy car, because I haven't the money to buy a large one, and I would love to have a little sand table to play in when it is too cold to play outside. Well, Santa, I guess that is all, besides a lot of fruit, candy and nuts. Please don't forget my little friend, Clara Belle Kanoy.

PATTIE BLALOCK

Mathews, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy 9 years old and in the fourth grade. My teacher's name is Miss Glenda Waters. The name of my school is York. Santa, I want for Xmas a BB gun, a wagon, ball and a French harp. I have four sisters. I don't want you to forget especially, my baby sister, Bettie Jo. She is only 7 months old. Please bring her a doll and a rattler and also remember by mother and daddy to bring them something real nice.

EARL KEM

Why The Round Trip Ticket?

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a new football team for 1932 as the last one was not so hot. If you will forgive me for putting so many questions on my biology students, I would like a round trip ticket to Warrensburg, Mo.

P. S. If you will, please bring me some new biology questions as I have worn the old ones out.

"SONNY" BILL MILLER

Matthews, Mo.,

Dear Santa:

Now Santa, I have been a good boy. I want you to bring me a new $1.00 pipe, one with a key and lock on it so no one can swipe it. Bring me an alarm clock, a tankful of gas for my Pontiac and a good looking girl to ride in it with me. Now Santa, don't forget my cousin George, as he has been a good boy, too, and bring him a pipe just like the one you bring me and a book entitled "How To Make Love". Dear Santa, as I do not want to be selfish this is all I will ask for. And Santa, please remember all the other good boys and girls.

TOMMY MOORE

Bertrand, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl, my name is Rosie Lee Reed and I am 7 years old and in the third grade at school. I am ready for the 4th grade. Santa, please bring me a doll and a set of dishes. I have two little sisters, please bring each one of them a doll. Dear Santa, I am thanking you for the presents we received last Xmas and in advance for the presents just asked for.

ROSIE LEE REED

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy 6 years old and have been a good boy and go to school and help mother and dady work. I would like for Xmas, a dump truck, a gun and a harp and something to eat—candy, apples, oranges. Don't forget all the little boys and girls and don't forget mother and daddy.

J. R. CROCKER, Jr.

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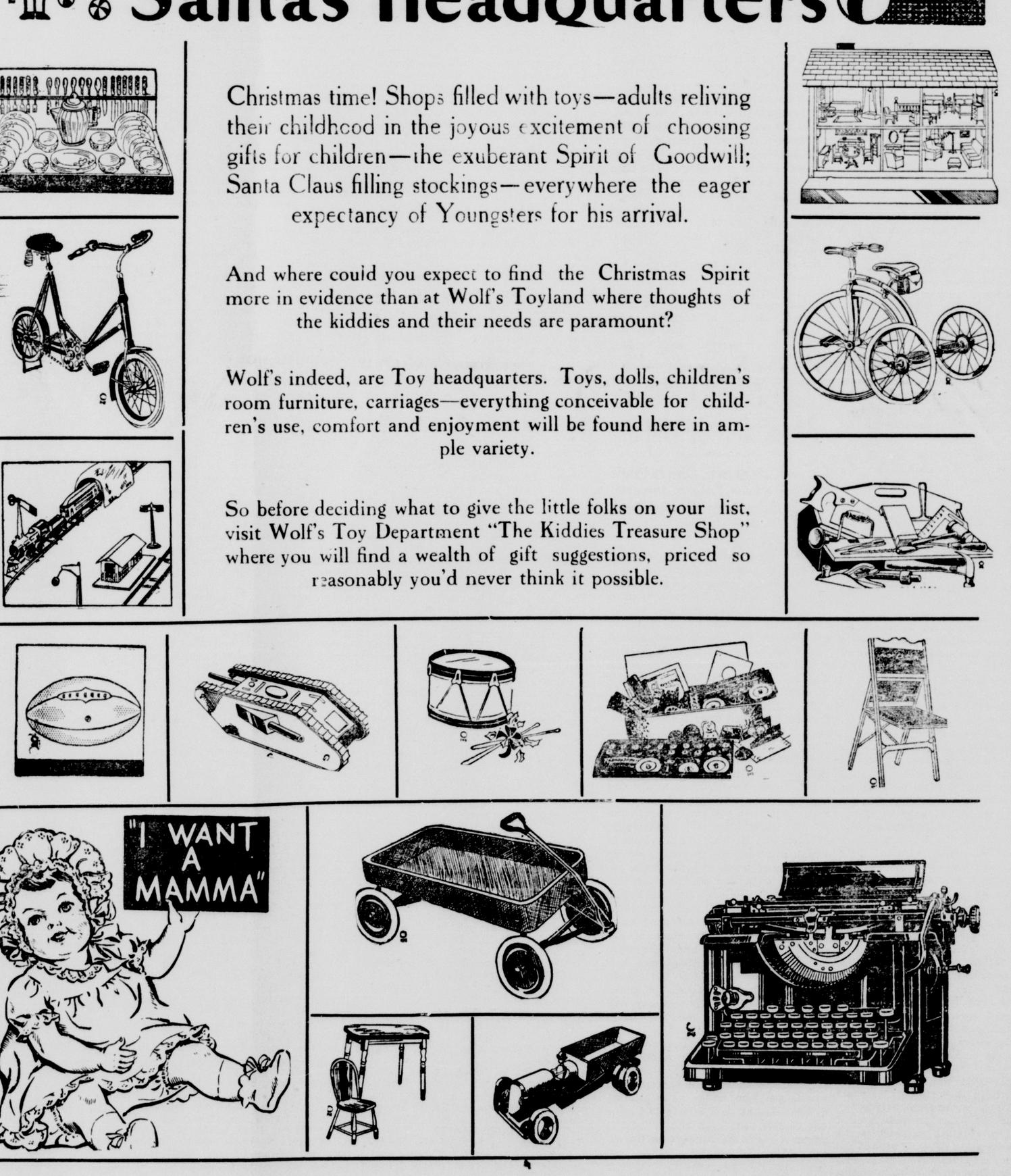
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Mister "X" Visits Sikeston

Rumors that "Mr. X" with Jouett Shouse, and Mr. Steele here Wednesday is none other than John J. Raskob, chairman of the Democratic National Committee. Their plane, Oklahoma Bound, stopped here for fuel enroute from Birmingham, Alabama.

Largest Number of Scout Honors In History of Semo Scouting Awarded At Court of Honor Here Tuesday

Last Monday there were only 86 second class Scouts in the Southeast Missouri Area Council. Tuesday night the number was increased by 42—the largest single number of candidates ever to appear at one time for their awards during the history of Scouting in this district. Parents and friends of Scouting from Poplar Bluff, Blodgett, Benton, Morehouse, Sikeston, Diehlstadt and other communities attended and gave their moral support to the boys participating in the program. It was an audience which filled the large High School auditorium.

Ward Denman opened the meeting with the Scout bugle call "assembly". Following that the audience and attending Scouts joined in the Pledge of Allegiance led by Scout Jim Hart of Morehouse. Four youngsters from Troop 46 of Blodgett, and a very cute little Miss presented a song and tap dance number as the third item on the program. Then followed the presentation of individual and troop trophies won in the Cape Scout Round-up this fall.

Silver cups were presented Troops 41 of Sikeston, and Troop 49 of Morley for participation in the Round-up. To a Sikeston trooper, Billy Bob Donnell of Troop 42 went an individual honor, a trophy attesting his prowess as a "rooster fighter".

The two banner troops from Sikeston, numbers 41 and 42 were awarded ribbons and Scout badges for their excellent appearance in the parade at the Cape affair. The drum and bugle corps won one award, and the troops as a whole won another, so two separate awards were presented.

To one of the old standbys in the district, Troop 46 of Blodgett, and to an "infant" troop, No. 50 at Benton, went banners rating them as "Superior Troops in 1931".

Representatives of both organizations were in ful uniform, and presented a fine appearance. Scout officials from Benton and Blodgett also attended the meeting here.

Certificates or "diplomas" were awarded to two men, John Spence and Jesse Layton of Morehouse, who recently completed the training course in boy leadership.

Individual Awards

Second clas badges were awarded to the following Scouts:

Troop 41, Sikeston—Billy Van Horne, Leonard Colley, John F. Wood, Joe Dover, Merlin Taylor and Junior Barger.

Troop 42, Sikeston—Pat Wilbur, Charles Yanson, Franklin Struwe, Clay Mitchell, Clint H. Denman, Jr., John Bowman, Weldon Watson.

Troop 49, Morehouse—Jim Green, Jim Hart, Robert Zilmer, Ezra Barnes, Bobby Fisher, Elton Darnell, Jack Daugherty, Elbert Mocabee, Allen Mocabee, Robert Wright and Frank Parrish. There are just eleven Scouts in the Morehouse troop and all received second class badges.

Troop 72, Bloomfield—Norman Coburn, Neal Day, Victor Hodge, Wilbur Armes and Ben Whitaker. Bloomfield belongs to the Poplar Bluff district of the Southeast Missouri Boy Scout Area, but these boys were granted their awards here.

Troop 46, Blodgett—Cecil Williams and Chester Pearman.

Troop 50, Benton—Paul Scott, Billy Scott, Billy Rodgers, M. C. Porter, Jr., Frank Steck, Caldwell Bennett, Dick Haw, Robert Norrid, Raymond Diebold, Armen Scott and John. Smith.

First class badges were awarded Caldwell Bennett of Benton and Joe Matthews of Sikeston.

Star Scout badge was awarded Billy Smother of Troop 62, Poplar Bluff.

Life Scout badges were awarded John Wilson of Troop 42 and Jap Wilson of Troop 41, Sikeston.

Merit badges were awarded the following:

Joe Dover, Troop 41, Sikeston, for cycling and basketry.

Merlin Taylor, Troop 41, for cycling.

Charles Bennett, Troop 50, Benton, for first aid, reading, first aid to animals, scholarship.

E. R. Putnam, Troop 46, Blodgett, for swimming and animal industry.

Billy Smother, Troop 62, Poplar Bluff, for bugling and pathfinding.

Phillip Williams, Troop 46, Blodgett, for radio, personal health and public health.

Jap Wilson, Troop 41, for public health and personal health.

Billy Bob Donnell, Troop 42, for pioneering.

Norse Gods, Druid Priests, Mistletoe Enter Into the Spirit of Christmas

Christmas is the happiest day of the year in almost every nation in the world, pagan or Christian. No two nations observe Christmas alike, but one custom is universal with all. That is the sending of greetings, the evidence of love or friendship on that happy occasion.

The custom of sending Christmas greetings may be traced to ancient times. In Norse mythology Loki was jealous of Balder, god of the summer sun, who could be hurt by nothing on earth or under earth. Loki noted that the mistletoe grows above earth, on a tree, so he tipped a spear with mistletoe and guided the arm of Hoeder, the blind god, who threw the spear and killed Balder. When all things in earth and heaven wept for Balder, Freyja, goddess of love, restored Balder to life, so it was decreed that the mistletoe should be sacred to love as it was neither on earth nor under the earth.

The Druids in England sent their young men around with Yuletide greetings and branches of mistletoe. They regarded the mistletoe as sacred, and when it was found in an oak tree, they sacrificed white oxen. The Arch Druid cut it from its parent stem with a golden knife, taking care that it should by no means touch the ground. It was regarded as so sacred that if enemies met under it they laid down their arms and maintained a truce until the following day. Thence grew the practice of hanging mistletoe in a doorway, pledging peace and friendship to be sealed with a friendly greeting to whomever entered.

From its earliest days Christmas has progressed steadily as an occasion for greetings, until today the most universal evidence of the Yuletide spirit is the sending of greetings to friends and loved ones far and near. This is true south of the equator where Christmas is a mid-summer holiday and the Fernking is the mythical master, as it is with the Lapps, in whose long, cold winter night Christmas is the greatest occasion.

Kenzie Kennett Baker Would Locate Museum of Indian And Pioneer Relics In This City

A museum of Indian relics, interesting archeological finds, and remains of early pioneer civilization in Southeast Missouri would be located in Sikeston by Kinzie Kennett Baker, provided a suitable building or exhibit room can be procured.

Mr. Baker, who formerly lived near East Prairie, now lives at Miner, and claims Sikeston and vicinity as his home. He has wandered about thru this district for the past several years, and two years ago achieved State-wide notice by his work for the late E. C. Matthews,, when he uncovered a large number of Indian relics, pottery, arrow heads, and miscellaneous articles. Part of the collection is now on display in the High School building.

Baker has a rather extensive collection at Marston, and hundreds of articles at White's Drug Store here, most of which would be donated to the proposed museum. Arrangements would be made to gather together other interesting material, covering, according to Baker, three distinct periods of civilization in this territory.

In order to make the venture self-sustaining, Baker would as curator of the museum, charge a small admittance fee in order to pay rent, lights and nominal living expenses.

He points out that Sikeston is centrally located, and that hundreds of persons, transients and local persons, would view the collection after it was once established. At the present time several thousand pieces depicting former civilizations here repose in St. Louis, Chicago, Washington, Cape Girardeau and other collections, and these are, naturally, not available for local use and study. Baker has given considerable thought to the plan, and believes that in time a local museum could be made rather complete, covering all Southeast Missouri.

Baker would like to receive expressions of public sentiment regarding this project, either in care of this newspaper, or direct, care of White's Drug Store.

JUVENILE OFFENDER'S PAROLE IS REVOKED

Ruel Huey, convicted and sentenced many times in the Scott County Juvenile Court, made good his escape from officers Tuesday morning near Holcomb. The lad is out on parole which was recently revoked following a fight at the local grade school building, in which two other lads were considerably 'beaten up" Huey has been a constant source of trouble here and elsewhere, having been implicated in dozens of petty thefts and minor crimes.

Another Drop in the Bucket

Our paternalistic government is speaking now in terms of three-cent letter postage to make up the ever-mounting deficit. This direct form of tax comes at a very appropriate time. Says The Manufacturer (magazine) under the heading "Tax Rebellion Prospects":

Most of us have received various reports, speeches and what-not issued by the government. In newspaper and magazine offices they come in bales.

Last year the government printing office turned out four billion copies of such matter, at a cost of about $20,000,000. Sales to the public returned $215,743 of this. The rest was free issue at the expense of taxpayers.

Most of this matter, furthermore, is sent free through the mails, thus building up the postal deficit, and again taking money from the pocket of taxpayers. Some of these publications are, of course, valuable and constitute a legitimate function of government. But the bulk of them are either useless or consist of political utterances which serve only to glorify some "statesman" or bureau in the public eye. And we all pay for it.

Twenty million or so dollars is a comparatively small item in the cost of government. But the free-printed, post-free document "racket" is a good example of wastefulness and extravagance in the use of public funds.

The taxpayer is a patient, long-enduring creature, but cannot even his patience be strained to virtual rebellion? There are signs of it.

The Massachusetts Tax Association said recently: "Recognition must be given to the gradually awakening tax consciousness of the public, which more and more is causing the average citizen to realize that expenditures in government must be reduced or curtailed just as industry has been forced to deflate its costs in order to exist".

Mr. and Mrs. John McClure of Cairo were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nobel, Monday.

Friday and Saturday, entire stock of fall and winter hats at less than one-half price.—Elite Hat Shop.

Practice contour plowing on hill lands. Plowing and cultivating up and down the slope causes gullying. Contour plowing breaks the ground along level lines across the slope of the land. Follow the same lines when planting and cultivating the crops. This makes a shallow trough above each row which catches the water and holds some of it until it soaks into the soil.

DEDICATE NEW GYMNASIUM AT PORTAGEVILLE DEC. 17

Dedication services were held on Thursday night, December 17, beginning at 7 o'clock at the new gymnasium, Portageville high school.

Following a program of music and talks, Portageville cagers met Hayti in a doubleheader.

The program follows:

Music by Hayti band.

Address—"Why We Build Gymnasiums"—Coach F. J. Courleux, Athletic Director State Teachers' College, Cape Girardeau.

Music—Hayti Band.

Address—"Why We Play Basketball"—Wid C. Matthews, Professional Basketball Referee, Caruthersville.

Remarks—Jasmyn Sanders, Director of Physical Education P. H. S. for Girls.

Remarks—C. W. Wallis, Director of Physical Education P. H. S. for Boys.

J. S. KEVIL ELECTED TO BOARD OF CORN GROWERS

Columbia, Mo., December 16.—Geo. Wilkerson of Hughesville was re-elected president of the Missouri Corn Growers' Association at the close of its two-day session.

Other officers include C. H. E. Walther, Boonville, vice president, and C. A. Helm, Columbia, secretary-treasurer. J. S. Kevil, Sikeston, and John O'Keefe, Carthage were named directors.

Monett—New Gillioz Theatre dedicated.

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Mrs. Maude Sitzes, Buck Sitze and Harry Pratt, Jr., drove to St. Louis last Thursday evening. They returned Sunday, accompanied by Mrs. Buck Sitzes and J. T. "Sonny" Stephens. Mrs. Buck Sitzes has been nursing her sister-in-law, Mrs. Stephens, who has been ill for the past three weeks.

SHOUSE STOPS FOR LUNCHEON HERE ON WAY TO ST. LOUIS

Jouett Shouse, chairman of the national executive committee of the Democratic party and two members of his party traveling by plane from Birmingham, Ala., to St. Louis, stopped at the Hotel Marshall Coffee Shop for luncheon Wednesday noon.

Mr. Shouse was scheduled to appear in Memphis, Tenn. that day, but was forced down at Ridgely, Tenn., on his way from Birmingham, and unexpected business developments made it imperative for him to go on to St. Louis immediately. The plane chartered from American Airways, was refueled with 165 gallons of gasoline at the local airport by Hubert Boyer and associates. A mechanic and pilot with the ship had a special lunch brought to them at the airport while they carefully inspected their ship.

SATURDAY STORM RAISES MERCURY

A storm area in Southeast Missouri, Arkansas and Louisiana raised the temperature on the local, government thermometer to 74 degrees last Saturday, but with the passing of the storm threat, the mercury dropped again into the respectable winter zone, around 50 degrees. One inch of rain accompanied the Saturday warm weather flurry here.

The weather chart:

DECEMBER	HI	LO	RAIN
8	50	37	.25
9	48	38	
10	55	44	
11	76	51	
12	74	43	1 in.
13	60	50	.20
14	54	33	
15	50	25	
16	50	31	
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WATER FAILS TO STOP THIS COTTON PICKER; HE'S USING A TUB

Lepanto, Ark., December 16.—When the rain covered lowlands on the G. E. Deyerle plantation, south of Lepanto, proved an obstacle to Frank Locke in trying to drag his cotton sack down the cotton rows, he was not dismayed.

He procured a wash tub, yanked the top cotton off of the stalks, tossed it into the tub and gave it a shove. His coworkers looked on in astonishment for a few minutes, then hastened for more wash tubs.

MOREHOUSE DEFEATS KEWANEE IN DEBATE

Morehouse debaters won the decision in a debate against Kewanee last Monday night, upholding the affirmative of the question: Resolved, that compulsory unemployment insurance be enacted.

Canalou debaters will visit Morehouse next Monday night at which time James Hart and Frank Villmer for Morehouse, will uphold the negative side of the same question.

THE METHODIST CHURCH

11:00—"The Prince of Peace"

7:30—"The First Christmas Hymn". Special Christmas music at both services.

9:45—Sunday school. Classes for all.

6:30—Epworth Leagues, with good programs.

Christmas Observance:

The Sunday school and church will observe Christmas Wednesday, December 23, 7:30 p. m. with a beautiful program by the children and young people, consisting of exercises by the various groups of the Children's Division. Readings and songs by the young people's division, consisting of numbers by the Girls' Glee Club and orchestra, and the Girls' Quartette. We are observing a "White Christmas". The auditorium will be beautifully decorated. Santa will be present with a treat for the kiddies.

A happy Christmas will be possible for worthy people.

The public is cordially invited to worship with us.

J. F. E. BATES, Pastor.

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Mrs. Alma Donaldson visited her sister, Mrs. Oscar Brummit, in East St. Louis, last week.

TO HOLD PROSPERITY DEBATE SATURDAY NITE IN FERTILE VALLEY

Fertile Valley, December 16.—The Black Cat debating society will meet at the home of Hoyt Holt's Saturday night. Subject: "Resolve that better times are coming". All are invited. Music by Scott County Watermelon Slicers.

Ollie Bradford has installed a new radio. An extraordinary nice Xmas gift from his daughter, Miss Mary Bradford of Cape Girardeau.

Burt Caneer and family were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Holt, Sunday evening.

Clyde Crawford has eighty mighty fine steers about ready for market.

Gene, the little son of Jim Malone, is sick. Here's hoping he will soon be back in school.

Orville and Albert Holt and Horace Byrd spent the day Saturday in Poplar Bluff.

We have just read a fine letter from our old friend, J. S. Higginbotham, of Hubbard, Oregon. He reports they are well and doing fine. He was living in Fertile Valley before he left for Oregon. We are not yet used to being without him. He was wondering what had become of the "Valley News". "Yep", The Standard goes on out over the great Rockies. We are hoping he will again soon be our neighbor.

Farmers in this section are about done gathering their crops. There is a big reduction in the wheat and rye crop this fall on account of the very dry weather in the early fall. But we are having plenty of rain at present.

We are glad to report that Mrs. J. V. Terrell is much improved from a long spell of sickness.

Wm. English was through Fertile Valley Tuesday on business.

Clyde Frey and family of Sikeston were pleasant visitors at his father's, George Frey, Sunday afternoon.

We hear Ray Walker is going to move to Bertrand and a Mr. Stanfield of near Diehlstadt is to move in his place.

Wishing The Standard and all its readers a Merry, Merry Xmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.

AS I SEE IT

By I'm About Town

Last Monday night we had occasion to jaywalk across the corner toward Galloway's, when a sudden blast cause me to jump the remaining six or two and one-half feet to the curb. We know it could not have come from a river tug, and we were positive that we had not imbibed any of that famous Morehouse "derail" liquid, so questioningly like we followed our nose for news, and found a long, shiny brass horn mounted on the side of one of those little machines which car washing stations claim they will "dunk" for two bits. Out of the baby tin mine stepped a 243-pound gentleman—a scale salesman, lady, that's how come we know his weight.

Farm item: Farmers hereabouts have almost completed gathering and bottling their 1931 corn crop.

BENTON-MOREHOUSE SPLIT DOUBLEHEADER

Morehouse and Benton, playing at Morehouse last Friday, December 11, split a doubleheader basketball game when the Benton boys rolled up a score of 23 to 13, and the Morehouse girls forged ahead 39 to 25. Williams for Morehouse, was high point scorer in the girls' game with 25 points, and Eachus for Benton, high point, with 17 markers.

The Morehouse Tigers claimed a doubleheader from Vanduser Tuesday night this week, the boys winning 20 to 13, and the girls 34 to 16. Williams, the same girl who last year won second place in the free throw contest at the Sikeston Girls T'ourney here, was high point scorer of the evening with 22 markers. The Phegley sisters, forwards for Vanduser, scored all 16 points for their team.

Morehouse meets Matthews Friday night and East Prairie next Tuesday in doubleheaders.

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Junior Early of Parma visited his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Manor, over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Harrison of Benton were callers at The Standard office Wednesday on their way from Canalou, where they had been for a visit. They were accompanied by Miss Gladys Moore, who will visit in Benton with Mrs. Harrison, her sister.

SIKESTON STANDARD

C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

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For a long time The Standard has carried stories sent us by the Better Business Bureau of St. Louis, warning the public of skin games that relieve folks of their money without giving returns. Only a few issues back, a story was carried telling about the picture enlargement skin game, of how a crayon enlargement would be made free of charge in order to introduce a sample of their work into the community. The "bugger" is made all right, but it is returned in a frame and the frame will only cost a matter of $10 or better. There will be no more words of warning printed in The Standard, as our home will be a standing mark for all future skin games. The picture enlargement-man was in town this week and the first victim was caught at the editor's house. A phone call informed us that an agent was using one of our photos as a come-on for other victims just after we had warned other people to beware. We were embarrassed, ashamed and as mad as hell, but the agent was showing a mighty fine looking old man around town, without our knowledge, in order to lead easy folks to believe we were the easy mark that we appeared. If we owned a Chick Sale "special", it would be a fit place to hang one of these relics, but we haven't and you can bet it will never adorn the walls of the Blanton Mansion. No, we didn't give the order.

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We are aware of the fact that this is no time to talk bond issue, or any other unusual expenditure of money, but The Standard hopes the time is not far distant when the school board can see its way clear, and find sufficient money to build another grade school building somewhere in Ward 4 to relieve the crowded condition of the present grade school and separate the 6th, 7th and 8th grades from the High School students. Small boys and girls now attending school in the High School building because there is no room in the present grade school building, hear too much and learn too much of questions that none but older scholars and adults should be aware of. However, it seems now that 12-year-old pupils know more about the affairs of humans, than 20-year-olds did in former times—but that's beside the point—a new building inspired the thought.

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Don't overlook the fact that but one more week until Santa Claus will visit homes of rich and poor alike. Likewise, don't overlook that fact that pockets are not put in shrouds. If you haven't children of your own, or grandchildren of your own, look around and make some others happy. This section has been blessed with a good season, good health and an unusual harvest. This should make everyone of us feel God is with us still, that we will not go hungry nor cold, that happiness can be secured at such a small price and without any sacrifice. Open your heart and your pocketbook and go forth to bring happiness to those who may be in need, and to the children of parents who have been less fortunate. Every community would be better off if God could just put into our hearts a better feeling for our fellow man, or if we would let Him, or accept Him.

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Here's hoping the preachers of the the community of every sect, denomination and color, will be kindly remembered by Santa Claus. Their field of labor is diversified and their harvest in a worldly way is generally poor. They have a hard row to hoe. While trying to look pleasant and be pleasant it is sometimes hard to be that way with an empty stomach and so many deceitful people to work with. Their need in the community is great and without them, the devil would soon get us all.

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When staining floors, be certain that all oil or polishing cream is first removed with soda and water. Otherwise the stain will not dry and will be rough and sticky.

Jeff Potlock's wife and children looked awful nice and clean Sunday afternoon when they went to Bounding Billows. Columbus Allsop's wife, their closets neighbor, says they were due to, as Jeff's wife had been borrowing her wash tub, boiling kettle, froning board and cake of soap, all the week.—Commercial Appeal.

DAY BY DAY WITH GOVERNOR PATTERSON

Last Saturday and Sunday were so wet and dreary and altogether wretched that the only useful purpose they seemed to serve was to remind us of the beauty and cheer of the many bright days with which we have ben favored this fall.

Under the law and in the order of life I suppose we require a little suffering to make us conscious and appreciative of the blessings we have had, and to long for their return.

At any rate the two days of Saturday and Sunday were very dismal. Not a ray from the sun was to be seen and the light from it traveling through the mists and fogs which encompassed one part of the earth appeared gray and exhausted, as if worn out by their long weary journey.

The shrubbery dripped with the falling rains, and the foliage of the evergreens was heavy and drooped with their watery burden which appeared almost too oppressive to bear.

I noticed that the dog kept to his quarters and when it did venture forth it was from sheer enui, after hours spent in sleeping, and when the forgetfulness of slumber could no longer be wooed and won.

No dog likes to be rained upon. Even one who loves the water and plunges into it from instinct, or at the command of his master, will shake itself when it returns to the bank, and when rain drops begin to fall it will seek some dry spot, and there remain until it can no longer overcome its restlessness for the outdoors.

Of course I refer to country dogs who have liberty to roam at will and not to the city kind that spend their lives asleep on or under the sofa, that are carefully fed and pampered contracting the diseases of soft living and sloth and that have no knowledge of what freedom means to a real dog that exercises his inalienable right to bay at the moon by night and howl with tears in its voice when the whistle blows on the locomotive as a train thunders by.

Chickens are even more opposed to getting wet than are dogs, though they are better prepared to shed whatever water may fall upon them.

Unless hunger impels them to go forth in search of food chickens will rush to shelter if one is available when the rain begins to fall, and if they will stand in a grotesque posture with their heads drawn down as far as possible in their neck feathers, with their tails drooping behind looking the picture of misery which cannot help itself, and which must be endured until better weather prevails.

A wet dog and damp sad looking chickens are not objects to enliven a soggy landscape. Birds fare better when the rains descend upon the earth. There is always some thick clusters of wild honeysuckle or a heavy copse, or sheltered places in the cedars where they can find repose and safety even from the worst of storms. Necessity gives to wild life a wisdom and resourcefulness that dometicated fowls and animals which depend upon the kindness and protection of man, do not enjoy.

The heavy rain and the deep reberbrating tones of thunder rather unusual for this time of the year aroused me from sleep in the early hours before the dawn Sunday morning, and as I lay in bed while flashes of lightning played about the house leaving all dark again in the moment of their passing, I thought how powerless at last is man before the forces of nature, and how vain his pride when he speaks of himself as their conqueror. One of those inconceivably quick stabbing flashes could come out of the darkness and lay him low, and he would never know from where it started or whither it had gone.

I noticed after I arose that the winds had thrown down from the trees many dead branches scattering them in ugly shapes about the yard, but the leaves that had before fallen were heavy, filled with the rains and lay matted together upon the earth refusing to be disturbed. During a brief lull from the falling rain I heard a noisy clatter which I at once recognized as coming from a drove of blackbirds and going out to the front porch, I saw them in the top of an oak tree that still retained many of its leaves. There were hundreds of these birds, and while a lover of birds, I do not care for these. When I see them I always think of Poe's "Raven" and the "Dark Plutonian Shore" and imagine that these periodic visitors have come from afar off where there is intense blackness and the odors from sulphur fires arise.

I know they are innocent of evil, but this does not cause me to fancy blackbirds.

There are always compensations, so at least we have been told, and there are certainly compensations for the rains that fall and sink into the earth, penetrating its dark recesses where the roots of the trees spread out in silence ready to receive the live giving strength of the water and store it for use in the wonderful alchemy of their being to make ready for the glory and resurrection of spring.—Commercial Appeal.



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SUPREME COURT SETS DATE FOR RE-DISTRICTING HEARING

Jefferson City, December 15.—The Supreme Court today set the mandamus action of State Senator B. T. Gordon of Liberty, against Secretary of State Becker, for hearing on Januyar 28, next. The action is to test the validity of the State senatorial districts, as mapped out by Gov. Caulfield, Attorney-General Shartel and Becker, after the last Legislature failed to redistrict the State.

Gordon seeks to compel Becker to accept his candidacy for re-election from the old Third District, of which Clay County, his home, is a part. Becker refused to accept the declaration, contending the old Third District no longer is in existence.

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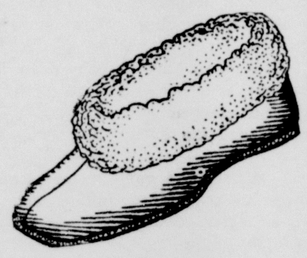
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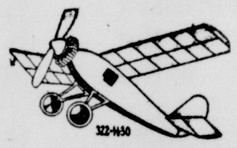
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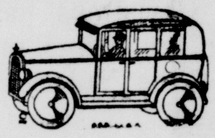
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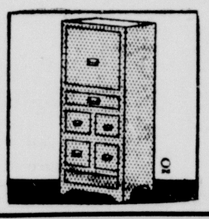
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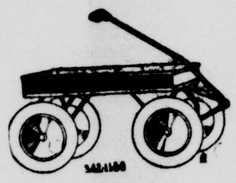
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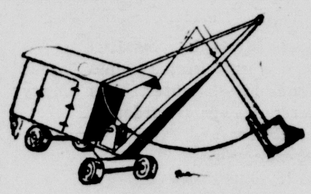
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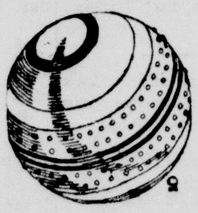
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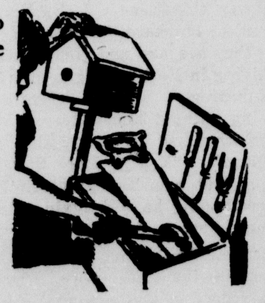


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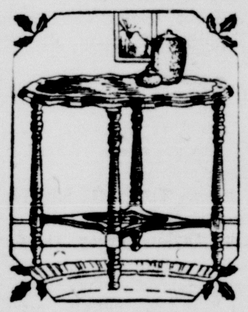


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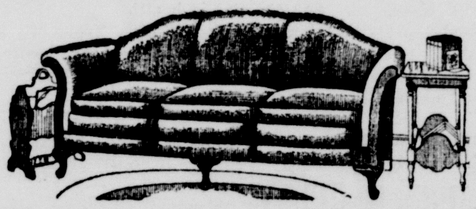
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FULBRIGHT PLACED ON COMMITTEES

Committees assignments in the lower house of Congress resulted in Congresman James F. Fulbright of Doniphan getting on the Flood Control, Irrigation and Reclamation, Civil Service and War Claims committees, it was learned here today.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM CHARLESTON

Miss Joella Moore has returned from a visit with friends in Ava, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Wilkinson spent Sunday and Monday in St. Louis.

Misses Tessie Powell and Doris Dever spent Sunday with friends in Sikeston.

F. H. Scofield, Jr., a student at Wake Forest, N. C., has arrived to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Scofield.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Pate and Miss Lucille Riggs spent Saturday night in Poplar Bluff, where they were the guests of Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Transue.

Miss Dorothy Drinkwater, a student at Bethel College, Hopkinsville, Ky., is at home to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Drinkwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wilkinson and children of Cairo and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wilkinson of Caruthersville spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Wilkinson.

Misses Mary Lee Simpson and Ellen Love, Mrs. Mabel Love and Mr. and Mrs. Gunter Simpson and son were visitors in St. Louis the latter part of the week, returning home, Sunday.

Willis Chapman of Helena, Ark., spent the week-end here. Mrs. Chapman and baby, who have been visiting Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Chapman, returned home with him. Miss Helen Chapman accompanied them to Helena and will be their guest for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver French, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Brown and members of the Thursday Night Bridge Club enjoyed a delightful party Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Grojean in Sikeston. At the conclusion of the game, the hostess served a sandwich and salad course.

The Saturday Afternoon Bridge Club was entertained by Mrs. Tom Byrd. Prizes were won by Miss Helen Chapman, Mrs. Bailey Wilkinson, Jr. and Mrs. A. J. Drinkwater, Jr. Club guests were Miss Ida Deal, Mesdames Earl Grojean, W. B. Ragsdale, Jess Hall, Riley Brown, Horace Ficklin, Willis Chapman and Clifford Brown. The hostess served a salad course with coffee.

The Birthday Club had a delightful meeting Monday with Mrs. Katie Greer and their members who live in Sikeston, who was celebrating the anniversary of her birth. At high noon, a three-course dinner was faultlessly served. The Club members from this city who attended the dinner were Mrs. J. J. Russell, Mrs. Mary Thompson, Mrs. Ed Deal, Mrs. Frank Russell, Mrs. W. F. Marshall and Mrs. Julia Rowe.

The regular monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held Friday afternoon with Mrs. W. T. Marshall and Mrs. J. H. Marshall. Mrs. Joe Howlett was an assistant hostess. The devotional was conducted by Mrs. Frank Hequembourg. Mrs. F. J. Wilkinson was the program leader. Those taking part were Mrs. A. H. Marshall, Mrs. Ernest Bryant and Mrs. John Bird. A beautiful vocal solo was rendered by Mrs. George Kirk. At the conclusion of the program plum pudding with whipped cream and coffee were served the guests.

MRS. JENNIE LEAGUE WAS MEMBER OF PIONEER CRAWFORD COUNTY FAMILY

Virginia Melvina Key was born June 3, 1854 at Keysville, Crawford County, Missouri, the daughter of Judge Wm. Key and Elvira Dunlap Key, a pioneer family of that county. Her father was a prominent politician of his time, having held various county offices, and several terms as representative.

Her early life was spent in Crawford and Dent Counties, having resided in Steeleville, Mo., for a number of years.

In 1881 her education was completed at Carlton College, Farmington, an outstanding school of its day.

She was united in marriage, May 2, 1882 to Thomas H. League of Washington County, member of a pioneer family of that county, and a prominent educator.

Her later life was spent in Jefferson County, where Mr. League taught in the schools of that county for many years. During her residence in Festus, she was a member of the Methodist Church South, but due to the fact that she had in recent years made her home with her daughter in St. Louis, who is affiliated with Grace Presbyterian church, she was a member of that denomination at the time of her death.

Mrs. League had been afflicted with carcinoma for two years, but was not a sufferer until recently, having been confined to her bed only six days. The end came quietly and peaceably at 7 minutes to three o'clock Monday morning, December 14, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. C. Flint, 6136 Waterman Avenue, St. Louis, with her entire family at her bedside.

She is survived by three children, Mrs. Myrtle League Welsh of Sikeston, Mrs. Gertrude Flint and Thomas BuBart League of St. Louis, and two grandchildren, Mrs. Helen Welsh Johnson, and Virginia Flint of St. Louis.

Funeral services were conducted at the Festus Methodist Church South, Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, with Rev. C. C. Barnhardt of St. Louis officiating, assisted by Rev. O. H. Duggins, pastor at Festus.

Interment was in Festus, Gamel's Cemetrey, by the side of her husband, who preceeded her in death seven years ago, October 19, 1924.

AND JIM GOES HOME

Jim, accompanied by his master and mistress, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Van Arsdale left Saturday for Sedalia. Jim entertained dozens of Sikestonians during his visit at the hotel home of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Van Arsdale here, and arrangements have been tentatively made to have the educated dog appear at an assembly of High School students when he returns within the next two or three months.

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One inept commentator calls the President's message 'The Path to Prosperity". The phrase is a painful reminder that in 1928 Mr. Hoover not only pointed out the path to prosperity, but bordered it with the smoking chimneys of highly protected industries, providing a job for every man and a two-car garage thrown in for extra measure, with a vista of cargo ships carrying our increasing foreign commerce, while happy groups of stabilized farmers smiled upon the scene, and the specter of poverty, appalled by the volume of our over-abundance, vanished in thin air. Isn't one trip over the ppath of Hoover prosperity enough?

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Ed Crowe of the Dexter Statesman who takes an aspirin every day for his hedaache, was advised by a reader to take this remedy, to which we heartily subscribe: "Fill a bucket full of water; stick the head under three times; and draw it out twice".

Hooray, Dearmont for Governor?

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Our Man About Town might as well be married. He's been more or less batty for the last year or so, anyway. Might tend to straighten him out.

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The humor in a bulletin just issued by the Federal Department of Agriculture is on a par with a remark once made by Ab Dinsmore, City Marshal at Marceline in its wild, early days. "It seems blamed funny to me", said Ab, "that they always build the big towns where there's the most people". The wise boys in the Agriculture Department says, "Hog cholera seems to be hitting its severest blows in regions where hogs are most numerous".—La Plata Home Press.

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The slogan "Go after business" is okeh until you remember where business has gone.

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One of our University men about town is said to have earned his way through by taking care of a baby. A good many more have flunked out for similar reasons.

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"For the first time since the war", wrote Charles Merz in the New York Times recently, "the American public faces the possibility of higher (federal) taxes . . . It is clear that Secretary Mellon described the present situation accurately when he said that during recent months 'the government's financial position has changed from one of great ease to one of increasing difficulties' ".

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Rastus' lawyer was informing him on the legal status of his matrimonial relationship and his chances for divorce. "I have discovered that your marriage isn't legal", said the young attorney, "and I can get you a divorce on the ground that her father didn't have a permit to carry a gun". —Lyons Daily News.

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President Hoover came into office advocating a limited revision of the tariff. Before Congress got through with his tariff proposals, he scrapped his plan for a limited revision and came around to the acceptance of a drastic general revision upward. In reorganizing the Tariff Commission, fifteen months ago, President Hoover proclaimed his intention of divorcing that agency from all partisan considerations of tariff questions . . Now all pretense of tariff impartiality vanishes with the appointment of an old-line New England protectionist to the commission's chairmanship. It would seem that the President has been making great haste backward on the tariff issue.—Baltimore Sun.

An "Owed" To the New Patrol

(In five worses)

To the four jingles clipped from the Literary Digest and one added by the funster on the staff of Missouri Pacific Lines Magazine, our own poet has added his own version:

Gone, oh, quite,
Is X. L. Scott;
He was tight,
His brakes were not.
—H. I. Phillips in the New York Sun.

Weep a bit
For Z. B. Lott;
He was lit,
His lights were not.
—J. D. S. in the Macon Telegraph.

Shed some tears
For Y. K. Mott;
He had air—
His tires had not.
—Carey Williams in the Greensboro Herald-Journal.

Left on the road
Was Major Bott;
He was full—
His tank was not.
—James Wells in the Dalton Citizen.

Poor Rube Dean
Of Possum Trot;
He was green—
The light was not.
—Sidney Warren Mase.

Now quite dead
Is Shiek Big Shot
He had parked
The truck had not.
—A. L. W.

Many persons will likely regard as unjust discrimination the action of Republican Senators in re-electing Senator Watson as leader of their party in the Senate and blocking the re-election of Senator Moses as president pro tempore of that body. Senator Moses paid cash for his sugar stock, while Senator Watson only gave a note, which he said was no good, for his.

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The editor of The Standard is feeling mighty punk at this writing. Every time he gets good and mad, it stirs up the bile in his system. Guess no one will give a d. though.

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The bald-headed gentleman whose picture appears on another page, is Charles M. Hay, our next Democratic Senator from Missouri. When he takes his seat in the Senate, if he can be seated by J. Ham Lewis of Illinois, there will be a contrast, indeed. J. Ham has a powerful shock of hair and whiskers enough for a rabbit to hide in. If they could strike an average on hair, both of them would be more handsome, then J. Ham is sopping wet, and C. M. is powder dry. If they could strike an average on this question, then forget it altogether, the country would be better off.

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Secretary of War Hurley declares Hoover is the Nation's only real leader. Yes, sir; he has led more farmers and more bankers to the bankrupt courts and to the sheriff's door than any other president of this great republic.

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Here's one from the Jackson County (Kansas) Herald: "We wish the owner of the cat that came to our house the other day would come and get 'em".

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The Salem correspondent to the Burr Oak Herald reports the case of a dentist who offers to make a man a set of the plates obtainable in exchange for the gold in his mouth. But the considerate correspondent continues: "We would not give the man's name for anything in the world—high jackers might get hold of it.



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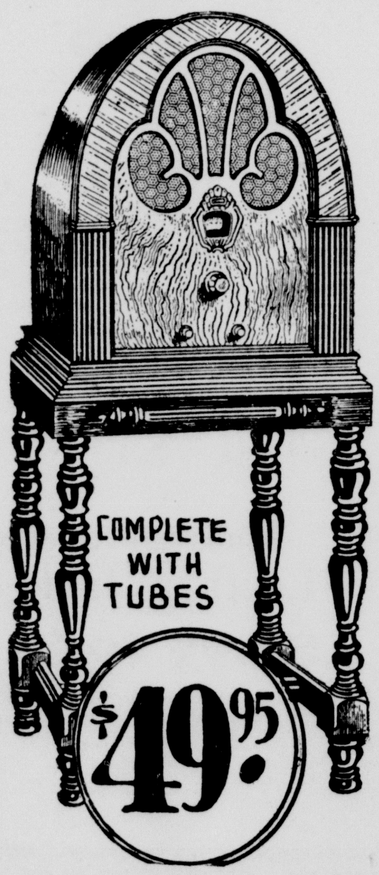
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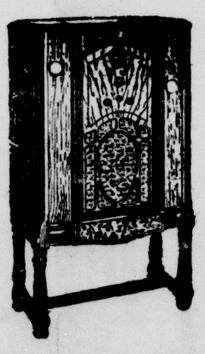
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LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM CANALOU

Santa Claus Is Dead!
How did he die?
With a wrinkle of his eye,
His face all awry,
And his foot in the sky.

The members of the "Busy Bees" were so sympathetic that they arranged a program to portray the sad decease of the beneficent old man. The "Busy Bees" is the name selected for the Canalou Community Club. The motto of the club is "All workers and no drones".

At this meeting, which was held last Thursday afternoon in the music room of the school building, Mrs. H. G. Cathey demonstrated how to make hooked rugs. Thsi proved very interesting. Various games were played. Everyone brought a small gift which was put into a grab box. The "grabbing" of the gifts proved much excitement.

The club has made palns to obtain a traveling library consisting of fifty books. Mrs. Percy reported that the books may be expected to arrive in about two weeks.

The club will meet again January 14.

Byron Spencer visited relatives at New Madrid, Monday.

Mrs. Jim Castilo and son, Don, visited in Sikeston, Thursday.

Olden Wright and little son, Billie, of Charleston, visited relatives here, Sunday.

L. L. Arbuckle and Imond Muffett were in New Madrid a short time on Monday.

Mrs. Frank Newman left Thursday for a short visit with relatives in Protone, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Walden were called to Blytheville, Ark., Saturday on account of illness of their daughter.

The revival that had been in progress for the past several weeks at the Pentecostal church, closed Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Moore and son, Wilson, and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Percy attended the show at Sikeston Sunday afternoon.

Miss Nataline Spiker, who is teaching the River Ridge School of this district, spent the week-end at her home in Bloomfield.

Mrs O. Jennings and daughter, Miss Helen, visited Mrs. Jenning's sister, Mrs. George Kimmel, near Advance from Friday until Monday.

George Allison, the stepson of Jim Durbin, was taken to a hospital in St. Louis, Tuesday. George has been ill for several weeks. He suffered a paralytic stroke several weeks ago.

Jim Newman and Rees Spencer upheld the affirmative side of the State debating question against the Lilbourn high school team here Monday evening. The Lilbourn team won this debate. Monday evening, the Canalou team will debate against Morehouse at Morehouse.

Supt. Roy V. Ellise, Miss Haw and Miss Mackey, of Sikeston, judged the debate here Monday night between Lilbourn and Canalou. Miss Frances Burch and Miss Myrtle Dalton, who are also teaching at Sikeston, atended the debate also. Miss Dalton formerly taught here and Miss Burch formerly taught at Lilbourn.

The Lilbourn basketball team played here Friday night. The Lilbourn boys have a very promising team. This was their first game of the season. The score of the game was Canalou 26 and Lilbourn 10. Lilbourn does not have a girls' team, therefore, our girls did not play Friday night. Friday night, January 18, our team will play Risco at Risco.

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Hooray, Dearmonth for Governor?

Dear Santa:

Xmas is almost here, so I thought I had better write you so you would not forget me. I'm a little boy 7 years old, I go to school every day and I'm in the second grade I love my teacher. Her name is Mrs. Taylor. Don't forget her Santa and do not forget any of the little orphan boys and girls. I won't ask for very much. Just a truck, a violin and a police outfit with a cap, and Santa don't forget Mr. Blanton. He is so good to print our letters and Santa, he gives us little boys and girls nickles and dimes and visits people when they are sick. I tell you us kiddies think he's great, so be sure and fill his sock full. Bye, old Santa. I'm sure lookin' for you Xmas.

ARCHIE COOK, JR.

Dear Santa Claus:

Just a few lines to you, telling you what I want most for Xmas. Santa, I'm not a very big boy, just four and a half years old. I want a wagon and a real live cat. My cat ran away and I have been awful lonesome without Thomas (my cat). Please don't forget all the little boys and girls, bring them something that will make them happy. Now Santa, please don't forget to bring me a cat, a grey one, like the one that ran away—that's what I want most for Xmas.

BILLIE NEWTON CARROLL

Dear Santa:

I am a small boy, 9 years old and I am in the 4th grade. My teacher is Miss Ruth Bateman. She is a good teacher, please don't forget to stop at her house. I want a bicycle and that is all I ask for. Don't forget my sisters and Brothers. Bring every boy and girl in town something, 'so that everyone will be happy Xmas morning.

DEWITT LAMBERT

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl just 5 years old. I am going to kindergarten after the Xmas holidays. Santa, I don't want very much for there are too many children for you to give presents. I want a little colored baby doll and a dresser and cabinet. Please don't forget by baby brother, Billy. He wants a little wagon and airplane.

MARGARET LAMBERT

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a basketball, anything you might have left, as there are so many little children that want something too. Please Santa, make them happy this Xmas. Don't forget all my little classmates at school and please visit the sick and make this a happy Xmas for one and all.

VIRGINIA BRANUM

Dear Santa Claus:

I will write you what I want most for Christmas. I want a football, a pair of gloves. I don't want to be selfish, so please don't forget all the boys and girls all over the land and country, for Santa there are a lot of children that need good warm clothes. Be sure and visit them. Dear old Santa, please do bring my little brother, Billie Newton, a real cat, as he is lonesome without his pet. Will see you Xmas Eve.

J. W. CARROLL

Dear Santa:

Last night I heard you say over the radio if we would write you a letter you would send us a picture of your work shop. I know it would be beautiful to see. Santa, I am a little girl 10 years old and in the 5th grade. Miss Lucille Finley is my teacher—she is very good. I am not asking for much because there are too many other children you have to go and see. I want a doll to sew for and some story books. I guess that is all.

FREDA LAMBERT

Dear Santa Claus:

As I am in Sikeston visiting my grandmother, though I'd better write you and tell you what I want for Xmas. Santa, I want a bicycle and a horn, and plenty of good things to eat. Please don't forget my mother and daddy in St. Louis—bring them something nice. Santa, you will find me at 208 N. Stoddard St. Please don't pass me by.

J. T. (SONNY) STEPHENS

LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM MATTHEWS

Mrs. Ellen Ball is reported as being much worse at this writing.

Miss Juanita Brooks of St. Louis spent from Friday until Sunday here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Byrd of Portageville visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Byrd, over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Durard King and baby and Mrs. W. V. Moore of Cody, Wyo., arrived Saturday night on a visit to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. King.

The Ladies' Aid and Christian Endeavor Society surprised Mrs. Clifford Reed and Mrs. Albert Sutton with a kitchen shower at the home of Mrs. Clifford Sutton, Tuesday evening. Refreshments of chicken salad and saltines with cocoa were served to fifty-four guests. Many useful gifts were received. The Ladies' Aid presented each bride with a lovey wedding ring quilt.

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LIVE STOCK WILL BRING PROSPERITY TO FARMS

New Madrid County needs more livestock according to County Extension Agent Scott M. Julian. For the past two years the total number of livestock of every kind in the county has been increasing, this increase has not been as rapid as it should or would have been under more favorable financial conditions. This year finds the farmers in the county with large quantities of feed and not enough stock to even consume most of it.

Livestock can be handled successfully and profitably in this territory as is being demonstrated by a number of farmers every year. To do this successfully and profitably one must know what he is doing and make plans in advance. Pastures are one of the most essential parts of livestock farming, and pastures should be secured before or by the time the livestock is brought on. A number of farmers are now getting in sheep, for the past two years several men including A. E. McCord, George Bullock, Alfred Stepp and others have handled sheep successfully.

Many farmers believe that because of diseases it is too risky to attempt raising hogs. These diseases however, can be controlled, and with the use of the proper sanitation methods but few of them need to be worried about. By farrowing on clean ground and keeping the young pigs on clean pasture until they weigh 75 or 80 pounds, the danger of worms will be eliminated and with the worms will go most of the chances of contracting other diseases.

The Stores of the
Cairo Retail Merchants Association
will be opened every night until Christmas

Heart of the Season
Shoe Sale
Due to the extreme warm weather we are offering our entire Shoe Stock at
Greatly Reduced Prices
McManus Shoe Co.
We Fit By X-Ray
Cairo, Illinois



The largest and best lot of
TOYS
in this section is at
JOHNSTON'S
IN CAIRO

MOVE PRUDENTIAL OFFICE JANUARY 1

The real estate and land service department maintained for the past several years in the McCoy-Tanner building by the Prudential Insurance Company, will be moved to Memphis, Tenn., January 1, according to M. G. Tirmenstein, now in charge.

The move affects T. D. White, Guthrie King, Mr. Tirmenstein and Miss Nellie Massey. For the time being Mr. Tirmensten will remain in charge here to wind up odds and ends, then he and his family of Benton will also move to Memphis.

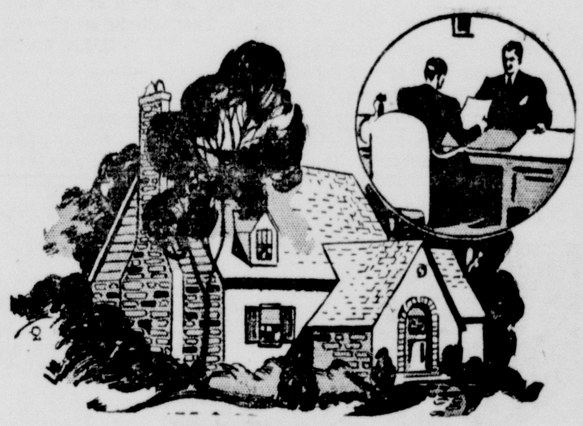
Friday and Saturday, entire stock of fall and winter hats at less than one-half price.—Elite Hat Shop.

Sidney Hocks says he has been going to see a widow for some time, and believes he could actually marry her if he wanted to, as all widows marry whenever they set their heads. —Commercial Appeal.

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No underwriter will issue a policy once your house is ablaze. It is now before the lurking menace of fire actually strikes with its thousands burning tongues, that you must act. We issue all species of Fire Insurance policies.
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Cairo, Illinois
Continuous Show 2:30 to 11 p. m. on Sundays and Christmas Day
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WINNIE LIGHTNER in
"Side Show"
Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, December 27-28-29
Greta Garbo in "Mata Hari"

Your Own Property
is concerned when your neighbors house is on fire!—Horace.

Your neighbor's fire loss is likely to become your loss. Don't be without proper insurance.
Insurance that was adequate a few years ago may need revision today!
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TELEPHONE 538
Sikeston Trust Co. Bldg. Sikeston, Missouri

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SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Cairo, Ill.

I am writing you a letter asking you for a few things for me and my little brothre, Bobbie Don. I am almost as big as my daddy, but I'm not very old for I was a Xmas present to mother and daddy ten years ago from this coming Xmas day. I hope you are good to all the little girls and boys whose daddies are out of work and can't afford much Xmas. I would like to have a chest of tools, a wrist watch, a Xmas Club, a suede jacket and cap, a basketball and the baskets. My little brother, Bobbie Don, will be two years old the 4th of February. He wants a little train, a fire truck, a table and chairs, a tea set with silver to use with it, a red wagon, a velociepede, A. B. C. Blocks and a Xmas Club. We both want lots of fruits, nuts and candy and Santa, please don't forget my cousins in Sikeston. They are Louise, J. W., Carol Emory, Imogene and Pat, Jr., Davis. Hope you'll be good to all of us.

LOUIS LLOYD SATTERFIELD, Jr.

Dear Santa:

I am a litte boy and in the second grade at school. Miss Newton is my teacher and I think lots of her. Since last Christmas I have moved into town, and for fear you can't find me, thought I'd better send you my addres. It is 408 North Prairie Street. Will you please bring me a coaster wagon with side boards and double wheels in back; a pair of boots and a nice story book. Also bring some fruit and candy and remember all the other little children.

BILLY GRANT.

Dear Santa:

Santa, we are just two little boys, age 5 and 6 years old. If you have any tractors and dump trucks, you might bring us one and whatever you think best for we know you have so many children to remember at Xmas time. We don't want you to forget any. Please don't forget any of the orphans. Santa, we have a little ccusin in St. Louis, please don't forget her. She is 18 months old. Her name is Patty. Santa, don't forget any of our little friends. Please remember us with candy, nuts and fruits.

LEONARD CARROLL
STANLEY CARROLL

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy three years old. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. Well, Santa, I will not ask for much because I want every little boy and girl to get something, especially the little orphans and those in the hospital. I would like to have a little wagon and something to eat. S o bye, Santa.

WALTER LEE

Dear Santa:

I am just a small boy, just 17 and am big enough to rid a small bicycle. I have been very good 'cause it is so near Xmas and I want you to bring me a set of near bearings and a crank shaft for my Model T Ford and I have some little friends that I want you to remember. One of them is Leon Bryant. He wants you to bring him a gallon of egg nogg and also Raymond Boardman and my good friend, Floyd Deal. He wants a new set of guitar strings and his brother, Joe, a little pipe. James Cox, bring him and Mort Knight what you have left after you visit all other little children. My boss, Pete Bramun, bring him a pair of socks for the ones he has are full of holes. Bring Bennie Moster and Burk Akers a pair of shorts for they sure need them. Bring my daddy a pair of kanagroo overalls—you buy them at the Whiz Bang Store. That will be all for this year.

DAN RAMSEY

Dear Santa:

I am a very small girl.I go to school every day. I have tried to be a nice little girl this year, as I knew you would be here soon. I want you to bring me a doll that walks, talks, and sleeps, a set of dishes and a doll buggy that runs on four wheels. And please don't forget my brothers and sisters. Especially my little brother, Delois Greer, as he is very small in action and motion and very timid in age. He wants a small red wagon, and a Chevrolet coach that don't slip and slide on a muddy road, and lots of candy, nuts, oranges and apples. As this is all I can think of, hoping you can arrive with our wants, I hope to see you soon.

ELIZABETH GREER

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl, but do not go to school. I have tried to be a nice little girl. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. Now Santa, as my wants are few, please bring me a doll, doll buggy, an all-day sucker and please don't forget my little boy friend, Jim Dumey. Please bring him something, too.

OPAL FULKERSON

Dear Santa:

How is my dear old friend? We are two little boys. We don't go to school, but we try awfully hard to be nice good boys. Please remember us this Xmas. My brother Jim wants a monkey that climbs the string, a cap pistol, a hen that lays golden eggs and a jumping jack, and I want a little red wagon and a billy goat to work to it, a little pocket knife and a toy watch and chain. Please don't forget my sisters and brothers, especially Arvella and Juanita. They want a doll, set of dishes and candy, nuts, oranges and apples.

JIM & FREITZ DUMEY

Dear Santa:

I am writing you to let you know what I want you to bring me for Xmas. I want a rain cap and coat and a pair of galoshes. That is all I want for Xmas.

EDNA MADGE CHANEY

Dear Santa:

I would like to have a fountain pen for Xmas and a pair of skates, ring and a box of stationery. Santa, don't forget the other little children.

JUELDEEN PALMER

Dear Santa:

I would like to have a doll for Xmas, a fountain pen, a wrist watch and a pair of beads. Santa, don't forget the other little children.

SUSIE YANT

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EXPONENT OF 'COTTON ROLL' HAS LEAD IN DICE CONTEST

Grinnell, Ia., December 14.—The "cotton roll" system of shooting craps had a 10-point lead over the "African twist" method on the fourth day of play as exponents of the two styles of playing dice tried today to prove that luck and skill had less to do with success than system.

John Ditzler, a barber, led, 35 to 25, in the 10-day contest over Edw. Jantzen, also a wielder of the razor in this college town. Both said barbering helped their skill with the ivories, as the cubes needed not only to be flipped by a delicate touch, like a razor, but also behaved better when talked to volubly.

The experts say their styles of commands to the dice are just as important in craps as the varying systems of bidding in bridge.

The southern gardener who gets results with his summer vegetables because of root-knot—which is prevaent in the South, especially in sandy sections—can control the disease by a 3-year rotation of a vegetable garden, chicken yard, and corn patch. Fence off the ground into three sections. Have the chicken house in the center at one end with three doors opening into the yards. Plant only annual crops in the rotation. Perennials susceptible to root-knot, such as gropes and figs, must be planted in a separate place.

COMPLETES BEAUTY COURSE

Mrs. Florence Finney this week completed a course in beauty culture at the Cape Girardeau School of Beauty, and plans to open a shop in this city about January 1. A definite announcement of time and place will be made later.

It required 19 boxes to ship the bones of a prehistorical monster, unearthed near Angus, Nebr., to the Colorado Museum, at Denver. The bones weighed 4400 pounds.

FIVE MOTOR CARS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Cape Girardeau, December 15.—Five motor cars were destroyed in fire which today burned the garage and blacksmith shop at Friedheim, near here, causing damage of $5000.

Extra special, large assortment of hats reduced to $1.00.—Elite Hat Shop.

Worn muslin curtains make nice squares to wrap around the cleaned celery or lettuce in the icebox.

Sterling
5¢ to $1 STORE

Will Be Open Evenings Until
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Commencing Saturday, Dec. 19

Remember—A small deposit will hold any article until called for.
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THIS COMPACT RADIO is not a toy—not cut down in performance for the sake of size. Come in and let us show you how powerful and how rich in tone a Compact radio can be! See below a partial list of features. We don't know of any other *small* set that can touch this one for completeness and satisfaction.

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ATWATER KENT
SUPER-HETERODYNE
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$69.80
with Automatic Volume Control
Complete with Tubes



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17 great features

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Here Is a *New*
Christmas Idea!

Christmas this year promises to be a day of practical gifts. Considerations of thrift, of usefulness and of the actual needs of others will be paramount—And no gift is more practical, none more filled with the real spirit of the holiday season than a gift of food.

Good things to eat have always been given with pride and received with pleasure. Then too, there are many people this year who will extend their Christmas giving beyond the family circle to homes where need threatens to rob the holidays of their joy.

For a small expenditure governed by your own choice you can get from your local independent grocer a full case or an assorted case of canned fruits, vegetables, milk, meats, fish or whatever delicacy you select.

Everybody will welcome a Christmas gift which will fill the pantry shelf with wholesome, appetizing foods and radiate happy remembrance for many a day.

Insist that your local independent grocer include in your selection of foods a generous supply of the brands which have become so famous in this territory

Fox : Radio : Golden Drip

There are no brands more nourishing and none more carefully selected or more scrupulously handled from its original source to your table.

Consult your Local Independent Grocer. He is ready to serve you. Read his advertisements in this issue.

McKnight-Keaton Wholesale Grocery Company
Sikeston, Missouri

SANTA GETS A BOOST WHEN STORE DONATES 1000 TOYS

The Lions Club Santa Claus received a genuine boost this week when Jim Hudgins, manager of Sterlings, arranged to give more than 1000 toys to the cause of the Club, absolutely free. The playthings are packed into three large cases and include drums, dolls, airplanes, rattlers, and dozens and a dozen of other items.

Each year the Lions Club Christmas party gains in importance, and this year more elaborate plans than ever have been perfected. They include the giving of chickens to poor and needy families, and the distribution of toys, candies, and fruit to many poor children in the city. A dozen or more men, members of the Lions Club, and assistants about town town will participate in making arrangements and seeing that no deserving youngster is overlooked on Christmas morning.

Dear Old Santa:

I sure don't want you to overlook me this Xmas. Santa, as it is my first Xmas back here in his country I would like to have a bicycle, bass drum, and skates. Now be sure and hunt for me Santa as I will be right here waiting for you. I have tried to be a good boy. I am 8 years old. With lots of love to you.

HARRY PHILIP GROSS

Dear Santa:

I'm just another litte girl wanting you to be sure and come to see me Xmas. I will be 5 years old Xmas Day. Now Santa, I do hope you can visit every little girl and boy all over the world and leave them all something. And now I would like for you to bring me a little stove, a little dresser, a mamma doll and a set of dishes if you can spare them. And oh, Santa, I just love you lots and lots.

DORIS JEAN COOK

Dear Santa:

I am a girl 13 years old and in the 8th grade, I have been very good this year and I want you to bring me some candy, nuts, a compact, lots of powder, lipstick and perfume and my friend Joe said he wanted a doll that lokos exactly like me. He wants some lollypops and jawbreakers, too and dear Santa, don't forget all the other children.

MAXINE SELLARDS.

MRS. FLORA MOORE

Mrs. Flora Moore, wife of C. E. Moore, formerly of Bertrand, but recently of Moore Avenue, this city, died Wednesday following an attack of acute colitis. She was born November 5, 1880 and died at the age of 51 years, 1 month and 11 days.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon with Rev. Leslie Garrison officiating. Interment in Memorial Park Cemetery. Albriton in charge.

An operetta, "The Belle of Barcelona", will be presented tonight (Thursday) at the High School auditorium by the Glee Club, orchestra and a picked cast. As the name indicates, the playlet has a Spanish setting, and is full of surprising situations, good songs, and chorus numbers.

Everyone Likes Candy

Mother and Dad and the Baby—they all like candy. But they'll tell you confidentially that SAN MAN is the best of all. Wholesomest, tastiest!

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Shep's Place

Malone Ave.

'HOPPER PLAGUE THIS SUMMER HAS CLIMAX IN DEATH OF TWO CHILDREN

Verdigre, Neb., December 15.—Starvation has claimed two lives in Knox County, one of seven north Nebraska counties left destitute by last summer's drouth and plague of grasshoppers.

The dead, both Indian children, were:

Lavern Trudell, 2 years old.

Lula Ruollard, 1½ years old.

County funerals were held for the two hunger victims.

Reports of the deaths were made to William Bruce, local chairman of Gov. Charles W. Bryan's relief committee. Bruce made arrangements for funerals for the dead at Niobrara.

MELODY MAKERS TO ENTERTAIN FOR 3 DANCES

The Missouri Meldoy Makers will entertain with their regular Friday night dance at the Armory, December 18, and announce to their friends that they will again be present during the holidays December 22 and December 28. A nominal admittance charge is made.

HERE'S ONE ON LEWIS STONE

The mild appearing Lewis Stone, who has a prominent role in "The Sin of Madelon Claudet", Sunday and Monday at Malone Theatre, apparently has hidden possibilities as a prize fighter.

Stone tells it on himself that he went to a dentist for some adjustments and submitted to laughing gas. When he came to, he found himself in the middle of the dental floor, tearing half the clothes off the dentist.

The latter apologized profusely. "My error, Mr. Stone", he said. "You see we usually strap patients down for laughing gas, for it makes some people want to fight. But you looked so harmless that we took a chance".

South St. Louis—Construction completed on buildings for St. Stephen parish school and church.

Wash silk handkerchiefs in tepid water containing borax. Use little or no soap. Wrap in a towel and iron when properly dampened.

LOCAL STORES TO REMAIN OPEN NIGHTS

Most Sikeston stores this week are advertising the fact that beginning Saturday, December 19, their places of business will be open evenings until 9 or 10 o'clock to accommodate Christmas shoppers.

Buying to date has been very scattered, and merchants anticipate a gradual pickup this week-end, and a grand rush as usual, the first few days next week.

TWO MULES KILLED ON HIGHWAY WEDNESDAY

A Reo Speedwagon crashed into a mule running loose on Highway 61 near Kewanee Wednesday evening about 6:30 o'clock, killing the animal. The owner could not be determined.

Highway patrolmen reported another accident north of Sikeston that same night about one mile north of New Madrid. A car crashed into the rear of an unlighted wagon, killing a mule.

PATROLMAN BROOKS MAKES FIRST ARREST IN CITY

Trooper Brooks with the new Highway Patrol made the first arrest in this vicinity Wednesday, when he picked up Raymond Darnell, truck driver of Paragould, Ark., on a charge of reckless driving. Judge Jos. W. Myers assessed a fine of $5 and costs.

E. C. MATTHEWS ESTATE PAYS $19,335.30 TAX

Jefferson City, December 16.—There was paid into the State Treasury today by executors of the estate of E. C. Mathews of Sikeston, who died March 23, 1931, inheritance tax totaling $19,335.30. The estate had a net taxable valuation of $813,932.89 and was inherited by the widow, a daughter and a son. It consisted largely of stocks and bonds, with real estate holdings valued at $152,333.33.

The deceased was a brother of C. D. Matthews of Sikeston, until recently chairman of the State Highway Commission.

Sikeston Standard, $1.50 per year.

Don't forget W. M. U. Christmas sale Saturday, December 19, in Beck Building. 4t.

Great Britain upsets Uncle Sam's export apple cart by authorizing a new tariff on fresh fruits, vegetables and flowers.

FIRST CREDITORS' MEETING

In the District Court of the United States for the Southeastern Division of the Eastern Judicial District of Missouri.

In the Matter of John W. Whittington, Bankrupt.

In Bankruptcy No. 1626

TO THE CREDITORS OF John W. Whittington of Oran, Missouri, and District aforesaid, Bankrupt:

Notice is hereby given that on December 12th, 1931, said John W. Whittington was adjudicated bankrupt, and that the first meeting of creditors will be held at the office of the undersigned Referee in Bankruptcy, in the Missourian Building, in the City of Cape Girardeau, State of Missouri, on December 22nd, 1931, at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, at which time and place the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

At said meeting the creditors will consider the advisability of the sale of all the assets, real estate and personal property of said estate at public or private sale, subject to approval or confirmation by the court.

JOSEPH L. MOORE.
Referee in Bankruptcy.

Cape Girardeau, Mo., December 12th, 1931.

FOR RENT—6-room house and bath; new furnace, double garage. See Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dye, 713 Ruth Street. 1t-24.

Russia's "girl judge", Maria Tamboff, is said to have sentenced more than 3000 prisoners ot death in the last two years. The czar's butchers

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SUNDAY and MONDAY, DECEMBER 20-21—

Matinee Sunday 2:30 Nights 7:30 The truthful, human-interest side of fotball told boldly, daringly, for the first time on the screen in "THE TOUCHDOWN" with Richard Arlen, Peggy Shannon, Jack Oakie, Regis Toomey. Grandstand thrill from your theatre seat. Don't miss it.
News, Cartoon and other Short

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22-23—

Bigger than ever—"THE BIG PARADE" at last in sound. Here's the picture you always wanted to see again. Its thrills a hundred times intensified in sound! The picture that is hailed as the greatest of them all. Don't miss it.
Comedy and other Short

THURSDAY and FRIDAY, Christmas Day DECEMBER 24-25—

Matinee Xmas Day 2:30—Nights 7:30 Joan Crawford in "POSSESSED", with America's newest idol—Clark Gable.
Comedy and Cartoon

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26—

Bill Cody in "OKLAHOMA JIM" . . Comedy and Cartoon. Adm. 10c & 25c
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SATURDAY ONLY

One Tube Repair Kit

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with 7 gallons of gas

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LET YOUR TROUBLES TROUBLE CARROLL

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Wishes everyone the Merriest Christmas possible, and especially thanks all auto owners who have patronized him during the year that is now rapidly drawing to a close.

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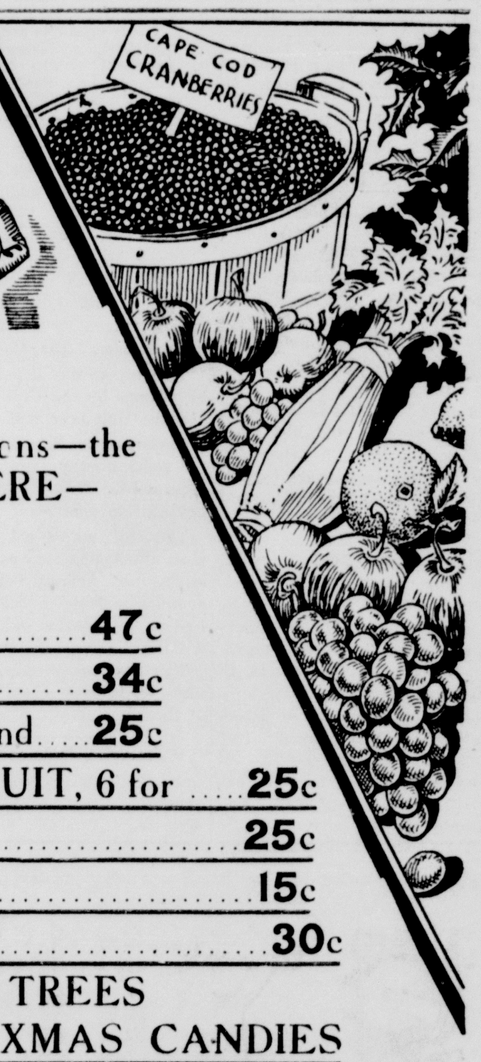
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Pork Loins half or whole pound .	11½c
Fresh Pork Hams whole pound .	12c
Pork Steak, pound . .	12½c
Pork Chops, pound . .	12½c
Pure Pork Sausage, pound 10c. 3 lbs.	25c
Hamburger, pound 10c. 3 lbs.	25c
Round Steak, pound . . .	15c
Neck Bones, 4 pounds . .	25c
Lard 25 lb. can $1.89 3 pounds	23c
Dry Salt Jowls, pound . .	7½c
Franks, 3 pounds . . .	25c
SUGAR, 10 pounds . .	47c
Flour Self Rising 24 pound sack .	49c
Tomatoes, No. 2 can, 6 cans	37c
Potatoes, Irish, 15 pound peck	18c
Sweet Potatoes, fancy, bushel	79c
Oranges, 2 dozen . . .	25c
Apples, fancy, bushel . .	69c

Turkeys and Ducks on Special Order Only

An Old Time Christmas Dinner





All the rich delicacies that are Christmas traditions—the tasty edibles Grandmother used to serve—HERE—NOW—at good old fashioned prices.



SUGAR, 10 pounds	47c
H. & K. COFFEE, pound	34c
FRENCH BLEND COFFEE, pound	25c
TEXAS SEEDLESS GRAPE FRUIT, 6 for	25c
ORANGES, 2 dozen	25c
MIXED NUTS, pound	15c
TANGERINES, dozen	30c

CHRISTMAS TREES
SPECIAL ASSORTED XMAS CANDIES

Finest Cranberries, Southern Sweet Potatoes, Hubbard Squash, Rich Plum Pudding—can serves six, Pickled Peaches and Apples, Delicious Eating Apples.

In Our Meat Market

Large Meaty Turkeys and Tender Young Ganders—place your orders in advance, old fashioned Mince Meat, Pickled Pigs Feet.

Fresh Canned Molasses Confectioners' Sugar

S. & M. GROCERY

Phones 271-272 We Deliver

FOODS IN SMALL CANS



A RECENT survey revealed the fact that an amazing number of different products are now processed and put up in those convenient 8-ounce cans which contain just enough to content two people, or the contents of which can even be consumed by one hungry person alone.

These small individual cans have proved a boon to the cities where storage space is at a premium. When one realizes that 57 per cent. of our population now lives in cities, as compared with 40 per cent. in 1900, one understands the reason for their popularity.

The season of summer bachelors is fast approaching. For the sake of these bachelor maids and couples without children, nearly a hundred different packs of fruits and vegetables are now put up in these small cans.

Here's the List

The fruits include apple sauce, apricots (plain and peeled), blackberries (including a fancy grade), cherries (Royal Anne, black ring, red pitted and black), cranberry sauce, figs (including a California variety), fruit cocktail, fruits for salad, fruit salad, grapefruit, grapes (seedless), loganberries (including a fancy pack), olives (ripe), peaches (diced, halves and sliced), pears (Bartlett and diced), pineapple (crushed, tidbits and juice), plums (green gage), prunes (fancy purple, fresh Oregon and stewed), raspberries (red and black, including a fancy red pack), rhubarb and strawberries (including a fancy pack).

The vegetables are artichoke hearts, asparagus (cut tips, dainty salad points, large tips, mammoth tips, medium tips, natural green cuts and small tips), beans (cut refugee, cut stringless, cut wax, green lima, lima, medium green lima, New England style, oven baked and red kidney), beets (diced and sliced), Brussels sprouts, carrots (diced), carrots and peas, corn (Country Gentleman, fancy Crosby, golden bantam, golden bantam crushed, golden cream, kernelettes, popping, white and whole grain), krautine, mushrooms, peas (garden, run of garden, sweet garden and sweet wrinkled), sauerkraut, spinach, succotash (golden bantam corn, white corn and with green limas), tomatoes (plain and sauce), turnips (diced), vegetables (mixed and for salad) and vegetable surprise.

Other products are brown bread, mackerel, molasses (Barbados), spaghetti (plain and prepared) and shrimp. There are probably several more which were missed in the survey, but many good recipes have been evolved from the above.

Some Fruit Recipes

Here are some fruit recipes, for instance, which are easy to prepare and will serve from two to four.

Raspberry Cream: Soak two teaspoons gelatin in two tablespoons cold water five minutes. Bring the contents of an 8-ounce can of raspberries, three tablespoons sugar and two tablespoons lemon juice to boiling, pour over gelatin and stir until dissolved. Cool. When about to jelly, fold in one half cup heavy cream. A can of the new beating cream which has just been put on the market can be used if you have no refrigerating facilities.

Blackberry Cobbler: Heat the contents of one 8-ounce can of blackberries to boiling, add one tablespoon of flour mixed with one teaspoon of sugar, and cook till slightly thick. Add one teaspoon of lemon juice and one teaspoon of butter, and pour into a buttered baking dish. Cut rich baking powder biscuit dough in tiny rounds and lay over the top. Bake in a hot oven, 450°, for fifteen minutes.

ROBBERS WHO STOLE GAS CAN HAVE CAN BY CALLING FOR SAME AT ANDRES'

For the past several weeks John Henry Andres, pilot of the runabout delivery truck of Andres' Meat Market, has been missing gasoline from the supply tank. The gasoline just seemed to evaporate into thin air during the night.

Then last Friday night Gene Aufdenberg surprised the visitors at work. They escaped, but left their syphon and gas can.

John Henry wishes to announce that the rubber hose and gas can is awaiting a claimant. "They've got to identify their property though", he adds.

HIGHWAY DIVISION NO. TEN ROAD REPORT

Weather: Generally cloudy and cold with frequent rains.

Route 25, Perry County Line to Jackson, 16.5 miles. Gravel surface. Traffic is being carried over construction for a very short distance at Appleton.

General: All roads in this division are in good condition.

HOW TO GET RICH FARMING

The general picture of agriculture's position this fall is reflected in these indexes: the wholesale price level of all commodities stands practically at pre-war, or 100. The industrial wage level is roughly twice the pre-war figures, or 200. Farm taxes exceed 250. Farm wages are about 120. Prices of things bought by farmers 125. The prices received by farmers for their products average about 70. The unit exchange value of farm products for other commodities is slightly over one-half of what it was before the war.

FOR RENT—Furnished room, steam heat. Phone 315. tf.

WANTED—General housework by middle aged white woman. Phone 389 or call 320 Center Street. pd.

—Bring in that pair of shoes that are still good but you are tired of them. Let me Dye them any color you wish.—Miller's Shoe Shop, Charleston. tf-18

What? W. M. U. Christmas Sale; when? Saturday, December 19; where? Beck Building—for home-made cakes and candies, dressed chickens and needlework. 4t

FOR RENT—Light housekeeping rooms. With bath. 625 Prosperity. tf-17

FOR RENT—Electrically equipped efficiency apt.—704 N. Ranney, phone 78. tf-21.

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms in modern home.—Mrs. J. R. Trousdale, 225 Kathleen.

You can buy home-made cakes and candies, dressed chickens and needlework at W. M. U. sale Saturday, December 19. 4t

FOR SALE—Pontiac 4-door sedan, 1930 model and in good condition. Priced to sell quick. Box 488, Sikeston, Mo. 2t-24

WANTED—To rent stalk fields for cattle or will let out on gain proposition. Marshall Hotel, Thursday 17th. —R. W. Rayfield.

Home-made fruit cake, 75c per pound. Phone your orders early to Mrs. W. H. Sikes, phone 462. tf-20.

—I use a Dye that will not crack or peel off. Guaranteed at Miller's Shoe Shop, Charleston. tf-18.

FOR RENT—Garage building in rear of Marshall Hotel. Will be vacated December 31, 1931 by Missouri State Highway Department. Call or write New Madrid Realty & Investment Company, R. H. Bierschwal, Secretary, New Madrid, Mo. tf-20.

Woods Milk

IS A FOOD YOU CAN THRIVE ON/

DRINK IT EVERY DAY



Phone 3313
Or Tell the Driver

FOR SALE—Jersey cow, fresh.—Mrs. J. W. Enterline, 2 miles north of Miner Switch. pd3t-23

LOST—Shaefer's life-time fountain pen, Friday. Call Ella Helen Smith, phone 71, or this office, 137. tf-23.

—I have by far the best Shoe Dye that science has ever discovered. It will not rub off, peel or crack. Guaranteed at Miller's Shoe Store, Charleston. tf-18.

WANTED—You to try Richards Rheumatic Remedy. Reaches every bone, tissue and joint. Removes the cause. Money back if it fails. $1.00; Six $5.50. At Galloway's Drug Store and all Druggists.

ASK ABOUT
QUAKER STATE SUPER-FINE GREASING SERVICE!
It's Better But Costs No More
$1.00
SENSENBAUGH BROTHERS

BASKET

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New Madrid

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Sikeston

Double-Header

HIGH SCHOOL GYM

THREE TRUCKS CRASH TUESDAY NIGHT: NO ONE SERIOUSLY HURT

A heavily loaded, southbound Odom Brothers truck crashed into two lighter trucks on Highway 61 north of Sikeston Tuesday night about 1:15 o'clock. No one was injured, although the cab and power unit of the Odom truck was practically demolished and one of the other two machines considerably damaged.

A truck owned by Miss Lula Sparks had run out of gas, and had been shoved off of the slab. A driver for A. B. Hunter was attempting to tow the dead truck, when the southbound truck crashed into both.

Farmington—Establishment of Rice-Stix shirt factory here practically assured.

James Sparks, government supervising engineer on the postoffice project here, left for Washington, D. C. Wednesday on official business.

Mrs. Lorena Hamby of Houston, Texas, arrived here this week, after having visited with her son in St. Louis, and will remain for an extended visit with her sons, Jess and Larue Hamby, of this city.

AUXILIARY NOTES

The Auxiliary of the American Legion held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Charles Blanton, J., Wednesday evening.

The special feature of the evening was a report of the meeting held in Jefferson City the first part of December, given by the State's second vice president, Mrs. C. L. Malone.

This report was a plan of the work to be done by the Units of the State, and the Unit here will carry on.

Christmas baskets will be prepared for some worthy families of disabled veterans by Mrs. Earl Johnson, rehabilitation chairman.

The Unit will assist the Legion at their Christmas tree party to be given in the Armory on Wednesday evening and the invitations are limited to the children of the Legion and Auxiliary members only.

The next meeting will be held the first Wednesday evening in January at the home of Mrs. Bryan Bradley.

Mrs. Frank Hulen of St. Louis came down Wednesday for a few days' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Carroll.

Kansas City—Kessel and Dean Cleaners opened at 27th and Prospect.

Liberty—White way lighting system around Square and courthouse rapidly nearing completion.

Attention, City Taxpayers!

Personal, Real Estate, Poll and Cemetery Taxes Are Now DUE AND PAYABLE

You Have Only 15 More Days Until the Penalty Goes On Them

Do not wait until the end of the month for you may not be able to secure prompt service. Pay now and save yourself money and inconvenience. The Collector's office in the City Hall is open every week day from 8 a. m. until 6 p. m.

N. E. FUCHS, Mayor
ELMOS TAYLOR, Collector



DRESS UP
FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Shampoo and Finger Wave 50c
Shampoo and Marcel..... 75c

Permanent Wave Special Still Continues

POWDER PUFF BEAUTY SHOPPE
Opposite Shoe Factory on Greer Avenue

A&P Food Stores
A TIRE ECONOMY STORE

Holiday Sale!

This is the time of year when the spirit of good food reigns. It is time to fill your larder with all the array of delicacies that belong to the holidays . . . pumpkin for the pies, mincemeat for the tarts, nuts, currants, candies, candied fruits and the other good things that make Christmas a time of good food and good cheer.

IONA BRAND STRINGBEANS OR
PEAS
3 No. 2 CANS 25c



Pumpkin	3 NO. 2½ CANS	20c
Sparkle	PKG.	5c
Mixed Nuts	lb.	23c
Peels ORANGE, LEMON, CITRON	LB.	29c
Glace Cherries	LB.	49c
Glace Pineapple	LB.	39c
Dates BULK	LB.	10c
Mincemeat, bulk	lb.	19c
Cranberry Sauce	DROMEDARY CAN	19c
Soap P&G and CRYSTAL WHITE	10 BARS	29c

Gold Medal or Pillsbury Flour	24 lb. bag	63c
	48 lb. bag	$1.25
IONA FLOUR	24 lb. bag	39c
	48 lb. bag	77c
SUNNYFIELD FLOUR	24 lb. bag	43c
	48 lb. bag	85c
Saltana Red Kidney Beans, can		5c
Pineapple, No. 2 1-2 can, 2 for		25c
Pure Cane SUGAR	100 lb. bag	$4.70
	25 lb. bag	$1.25
10 lb. bag		49c
10 lbs. Bulk		47c

Don't Clip This Coupon but just remember A & P Food Coupons and ask the A & P manager about them. Good at any A & P store for $1.00 worth of food. An ideal way to give, as the recipient may select the food himself.

Grandmother's Bread 16 oz. loaf sliced or unsliced 5c

Special Meat Values

Smoked Bacon, half or whole, lb.		13 1-2c
Hams, Cape Rock, pound		17c
Salt Side Meat, pound		10c
Frankfurters	2 pounds	25c
Bologna	2 pounds	25c
Fresh Oysters, pint		35c

Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

Potatoes	100 lb. bag	$1.19
Bananas	4 lbs.	25c
Cranberries	2 lbs.	23c
Head Lettuce, each	10c	
Calif. Celery, each	10c	
Calif. Navel Oranges, dozen	19c	
Grapefruit, 6 for	25c	

Do You Like Christmas Traditions?

Holly wreaths—mistletoe—hanging up your stocking? Then you will want to distribute Christmas baskets. A & P stores have three different priced gift baskets, 98c-$1.50-$2.00. Ask your A & P manager for particulars.

The GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TEA CO., Middle Western Division

LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM BLODGETT

Oscar Graham of Cape Girardeau was here Sunday afternoon.

Thad and Porter Stubs of Cape Girardeau were here Saturday.

Benj. Gratz and daughter of St. Louis had business here Saturday.

Miss Maurine Moyer visitde relatives at Morley during the week-end.

The Baptist Missionary Society met with Mrs. G. D. Clippard last week.

Mrs. Geo. Pearmen and family were in Sikeston Saturday afternoon.

O. F. Anderson of Benton visited his mother, Mrs. J. T. Huey, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Nunnelee and family motored to Charleston, Sunday.

Mrs. E. J. Neinstedt and daughter, Louise, shopped in Cape Girardeau, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Putnam motored to Charleston Sunday to visit with relatives.

Mrs. I. H. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Marshall, George Pearman motored to Cape Monday.

A Christmas program will be given at the high school auditorium on Tuesday night by the grade school.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Peal and little daughter, Jane, of Commerce, visited relatives here during the week-end.

The Independent basketball game at Diehlstadt Monday night resulted to victories for Blodgett boys and the Diehlstadt girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hutchison and family of Charleston were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mackley and Mr. and Mrs. Will Myers, Sunday.

Rev. Swope of Charleston delivered two interesting sermons at the M. E. Chnurch Sunday. Our pastor, Rev. McDaniel, was unable to preach.

Misses Maxine Pearmon, Thelma Levan, Freida Barnes, Louis Peal, Opal Stout and Chester Pearman motored to Cape Girardeau Saturday evening.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM MORLEY

Miss Leona Emerson of Hayti was a Morley visitor Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lee were business visitors at Oran, Monday.

Miss Cecil Keesee visited friends at Marble Hill over the week-end.

Hog killing is the order of the day at most farms in this community now.

Harold Perdue was a week-end visitor of Chandos Foster at Cape Girardeau.

Mesdames Ruth Finney and C. D. Harris were Cape Girardeau visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Walker May and children and Miss Maxine Daugherty were Sikeston visitors Saturday.

Paul Finney of Cape Girardeau visited Thursday with his children, Jackie and Mary Sue.

Joe Leslie, who has been employed at Cairo, is home for an extended visit with his homefolks.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Cunningham and daughter, Ruth, visited friends in Chaffee, Monday evening.

Mrs. Luta B. Evans and mother, Mrs. Elmira Bynum, visited Ella Evans of Sikeston, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Elmore and daughters were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Eskridge Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Lile and children of Lutesville were Sunday visitors at the G. D. Harris home.

Mrs. Eugenia Tomlinson returned home Monday after a visit with her sister, Mrs. J. W. Clemson at Oran.

Mr. and Mrs. Erie Foster of Cape Girardeau visited the former's father, J. A. Foster, who is seriously ill, Sunday.

Luke Freeman and Harry Tomlinson of West Point, Miss., arrived last Tuesday for a visit with the latter's brother, Raymond Tomlinson.

Mrs. G. D. Englehart and sons of Matthews visited her parents Friday. Miss Dorothy Lee Foster accompanied her home for the week-end.

A program sponsored by the Fizer Missionary Society will be given on Wednesday evening, December 23. Everybody invited. No admission.

Mrs. Percy Stuckman, who is attending the State Teachers' College, Cape Girardeau, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Sullivan.

A debate was held at the gymnasium Monday night between Morley and Blodgett on the subject: Resolved that Compulsory Unemployment Insurance Should Be Adopted. Billy Black and Robert Foster represented Morley and won the unanimous decision of the judges.

The Sikeston Standard, $1.50

LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM KEWANEE

Mrs. Ira Taylor is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. Schaffer of Kewanee.

Mrs. Evert Raidt of Lilbourn spent Sunday with her sister, Miss Berniece Barry.

Mrs. Dewitt Barry spent the day with her mother, Mrs. J. Fowler, Sunday.

Kewanee high school girls' basketball team has a game scheduled with Canalou January 15.

Mrs. Nell Pullem plans to spend the Christmas holidays in Southern California with relatives.

Miss Margaret Clymer is coaching the first high school play of this term, "The Bashful Mr. Bobbs".

Church services were held Sunday afternoon by Rev. M. H. Markley, who is also pastor of the New Madrid and Lilbourn Methodist Churches.

December 23 there will be a community Christmas tree at the gymnasium. A program will be provided by the schools of the district. Kewanee, both grade and high school, white Oak and Ristine.

Miss Louise Shy was welcomed back to school Monday by her class, after several weeks absence. Miss Shy is a Junior in the Kewanee high school.

Sunday, December 20, Miss Helen Shanks, teacher of the 3 H Boys Sunday school class, will entertain her class at a Christmas party. A Christmas tree will be provided for the youngsters and Santa Claus will also be present.

At Christmas and other holiday times candlewax sometimes drops on clothing and makes a stain. Such stains usually consist of paraffin colored with pigment or dye. Remove the paraffin as completely as possible by scraping it away with a dull knife, or using a piece of blotting paper and a warm iron. If a grease stain remains, use a solvent, such as carbon tetrachloride, ether, gasoline, chloroform, naphtha, or benzol, whcih may at the same time help to dissolve any dye on the fiber. Sponging with wood alcohol may be tried if any dye remains.

Cincinnati is planning an ordinance providing a fine of $500 for persons who listen in on the police radio and then rush to the scene of crime for a thrill.

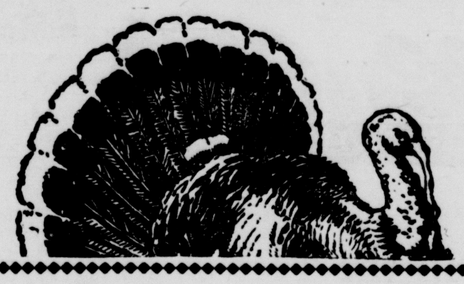
In 1929, when Charles V. Bob's Metal and Mining stock was selling for $23 a share, he contributed $100,000 to Admiral Byrd's Antartic expedition. Recently those shares were down to 50 cents, and Bob was under indictment for fraud in connection with their promotion. Byrd named an Antartic mountain range for Bob in recognition of his generosity.

Equal parts of mayonnaise and chili sauce mixed give an agreeable change of flavor to a salad. This dressing is especially good with plain crisp head lettuce or shredded cabbage.

Harvard scientists have discovered nerves in catfish over which impulses travel only an inch in a day. What value this discovery may have for mankind is rather obscure. Perhaps it is the presence of similar nerves that causes us to respond so slowly to the alleged jokes of radio comedians.

The male alligator makes such a loud bellow during mating periods that the noise can be heard for a mile or more.

Clab Hancock believes business is picking up, as the Rye Straw store was the scene of a customer day before yesterday.—Commercial Appeal.



TURKEY SHOOT

Ducks, Geese, Cured Hams

Monday and Tuesday
December 21-22
Day and Night

GROVER BAKER FARM
Northwest Corner of City

Bring Your 12 Gauge Guns
We Furnish Shells

Bill Baker Bill Felker

...as fine as I ever tasted—

CAPE ROCK BUTTER has that rich, creamy flavor that is only secured when pure cream is properly made into butter.

Cape Rock Butter Has a Delicious, Natural Flavor

It doesn't make any difference what brand of butter you have been using—just try Cape Rock butter once and it will be Cape Rock thereafter. Cape Rock butter does not sell at a higher price than any other grade of butter. If you are able to buy butter for less than the price of Cape Rock—be sure that it is not grade two.

All Cape Rock products are Pasteurized, thus insuring you that Cape Rock brand products are healthful. Now is the season to use more milk products, but be sure that it is Cape Rock brand for it is Pasteurized.

Cape Rock Butter *is Better*

Cape Rock Dairy Product Company

...Lair Store News...

"That Interesting Store"

Home Furnishings—Our 34th Year in S. E. Mo.

There are so many things in a well stocked furniture store that are appropriate for holiday gifts that it is out of the question to enumerate them. If you happen to be one of the great number who has not yet decided what to buy, a visit to our place may help you make suitable selection.

After repeated solicitation by the Philco radio man, we have taken on the line and judging by the good things we have heard Sikeston folks say about Philco since accepting, it seems we have added a mighty good line of merchandise. A number of the latest models in Philco Balanced Units are awaiting to be installed. Business-like terms of payment may be arranged to suit your income.

Some very special inducements are on tap in both bedroom suites and living room outfits. Used furniture may be traded in as part pay at a fair allowance with the priviledge of paying the balance by week or month in convenient sums.

Comfort Chairs and Ottomans to match are usually popular with old and young. Since prices have reached the bottom why not present one of these outfits to the family?

Beautiful mirrors, Lane Cedar Chests, occasional tables, pull-up chairs, magazine racks, ornamental lamps, etc., the list of these small items suitable for gifts is a long one at our place.

In this, probably our last ad in 1931, we desire to sincerely thank many in Sikeston and surrounding territory who have accorded us patronage and other forms of support and encouragement since our opening sale one year ago. The volume of trade given us has been satisfactory indeed, even larger than business conditions seemed to warrant. Merchandise, policies and plans for the New Year which may be of interest to the public will be announced in due season. Suffice to say now that we shall enter into those plans with energy and care, fully determined to run a store that will be of service to patrons and the community in which it is operated. In the meantime, may your Christmas be merry and your New Year happy.

Every USED CAR On Our Floors MUST BE Sold!

Scores of Phenomenal Buys in All Models at Terrific Sacrifice!

They are selling like hot cakes. Southeast Missouri buyers know bargains and that's what we are offering.

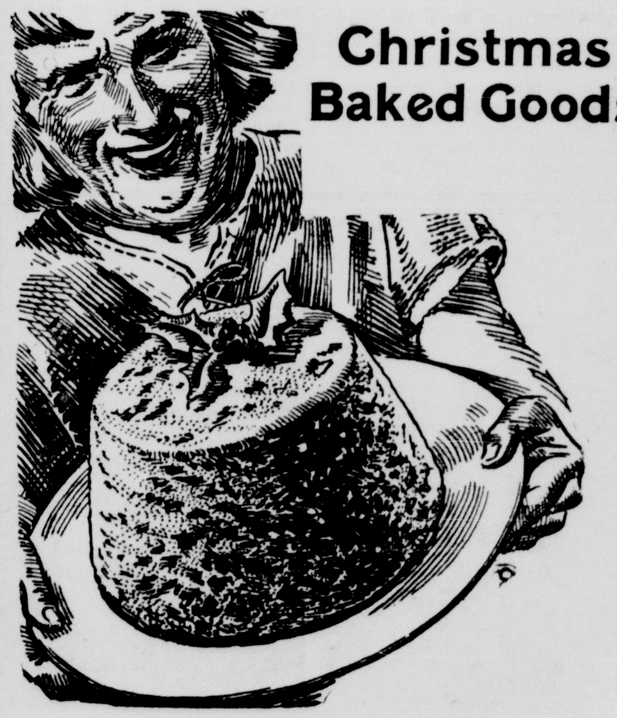
Terms to fit your income. Your old car taken in trade. You just can't pass up this used car bargain feast.

"Speedometers show actual mileage." Every job guaranteed as represented. Late models. Several types.

Scott County Motor Company

Sales Ford *Service*

A "Ford" Groves Ford Shop Sikeston, Missouri



Christmas Baked Goods

We specialize, at Christmas time. on a wonderful assortment of Cakes, Cookies, Pies and Breads for the Holidays. Our display is so complete that you have no difficulty in finding just the tems you want. Should you however, wish something special, we will be glad to give your order our most careful attention.

Order Your Fruit Cake Today. Phone 62 for Prompt Baked Goods Service.

Schorle Bros. Bakery

Your Bakers For Over a Quarter of a Century

D. A. R. MEETING

The local Chapter of the D. A. R. held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. T. F. Henry, Saturday afternoon with Mrs. A. J. Renner, assisting hostess.

Each member responded to roll call with a Christmas verse.

Mrs. J. L. Brown was the leader for the afternoon and read a Christmas story "The Sad Sheppard", which was very much enjoyed. Miss Wilma Ragains rendered a number of musical selections on the piano, very delightfully.

The D. A. R. will plant a tree on February 22 in commeration of George Washington.

Mrs. Effie Hunter gave a splendid report of the regional meeting of the seven D. A. R. Chapters in Cape Girardeau in October.

The purpose of this meeting was to stress the protection of wild life, the making and care of historical spots, and the planting and cultivatoin of plants, both native and wild, along our highways. An enjoyable social hour followed and delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Extra special, large assortment of hats reduced to $1.00.—Elite Hat Shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Francis spent Monday and Tuesday in Fredericktown visiting relatives.

Friday and Saturday, entire stock of fall and winter hats at less than one-half price.—Elite Hat Shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Carroll are entertaining the Friday Night Bridge Club at their home near Matthews.

Mrs. Ella Old and son, Dr. Claud Old and family are leaving Sunday for Memphis, Tenn., where they will spend the Christmas holidays with Fred Old and family.

Miss Emily Blanton will arrive in Sikeston the last of the week from Blue Mountain College at Blue Mountain, Miss., to spend the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Blanton.

Slim Pickens met Sap Spradlin in front of the store today and asked him if he had a match, and Sap replied that he did not have one; and they both passed on, and that was all there was to the entire conversation.—Commercial Appeal.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sikes returned from St. Louis, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Swacker, who have been spending a few days in St. Louis, returned home Wednesday.

Mrs. R. E. Asmus and little son of Centralia, Mo., are expected home to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Beck.

Misses Virginia Mount and Ann Beck wlil return home for the Xmas holidays Friday evening. Mr. Mount will drive to Paducah, Ky., to meet the young ladies, who are students in Western State College at Bowling Green, Ky.

The reason why The Standard is such a good advertising medium is because we have had little else to read lately. However, the advertisements will save you money if you check prices one against the other, then against your pocketbook.

Taylor—New State highway between Palmyra and this city opened to traffic.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Carroll, Mrs. Sitzes, Judson Edwards and Mae Bean attended the dance in Cape Girardeau Wednesday evening.

Mrs. John Davis of Collinsville returned to her home Monday afternoon, after a pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. E. J. Malone, Sr.

Don't fail to visit Weeks' Theatre, Dexter, next week see "Big Parade", Joan Crawford in "Possessed". Matinee Xmas.

Mrs. Woolard Baker and little daughter of Memphis, Tenn., are expected to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dover, during hte holidays.

It is said that the men of a certain African tribe are allowed three wives, the first wife choosing the second, and the second the third. How is that for a break for homely women?

Mrs. J. N. Sheppard and Mrs. R. A. Moll spent Thursday in Cape Girardeau.

Mrs. Ralph Anderson and family are leaving Sunday for Jacksonville, Ill., to spend the Christmas holidays with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Kingsbury and son, Jerry, of Boonville, are expecting to spend hte Christmas holidays with their daughter, Mrs. John Sikes.

An opinion written by the supreme court of one of our neighbor States, upheld the lower court in its decision that it is not necessary for a baby to breathe in order to be considered as having lived. The case in question had to do with an estate and it was necessary to prove that life had existed in the babe before the mother could rightfully claim its share. Although the child did not breathe, the evidence disclosed that the babe's heart beat for twenty minutes.

Construction started on Illmo-to-Ancell farm-to-market road.

Mesdames O. E. Kendall, Ed Kendall, L. O. Rodes and A. C. Sikes were Cape Girardeau visitors Wednesday.

Dear Santa:

I am a very industrious student at Sikeston High School. I don't want anything for myself, but please remember my teachers. I want you to bring Mr. Kevil a new car so that Mrs. Vieth can enjoy the holiday season more fully. Also remember the pretty new teacher, Miss Mackey, bring her a new joke book, so she can learn some new ones. Miss Haw would like very much to have a new dictionary. Her vocabulary is rather dilapidated, but she won't be harsh if you fail to comply with her request. Last, but not least, bring my old pal, "Peg", one of your latest editions in philosophy.

RUSSELL JONES

Better Breakfasts



THE first thing that you eat in the morning should be something that will make you feel good all day. If more brides knew that, there would be fewer bridegroom glowers to bring on bride's showers of tears. Everyone wants to help a little bride, so here's a good dish to start the day with, and the menu for the rest of the breakfast, too, for good measure:

Morning Fruit Cocktail: Remove the sections of four tangerines, keeping them as whole and as free from membrane as possible. Add to the contents of a No. 2 can of grapefruit, and chill thoroughly over night. This will make enough to serve six, but let hubby have all he wants. It won't hurt him. And, for the rest of the breakfast, have whole wheat cereal with raisins, cornmeal cakes with syrup, and a hot beverage. Then watch hubby smile.

Vacuum Packed

There's just one point you should be careful about in the hot beverage for modern breakfasts, and that is to have it vacuum packed. Whether you are providing hubby with a product without caffein which still gives him the coffee taste or with the real coffee which is now the national drink of America, you should buy it in the vacuum packed cans which have kept out the oxygen. For the action of oxygen is what hurts coffee and coffee products. When oxygen comes in contact with them, they lose flavor and aroma at a rapid rate.*

DECADE BRINGS VAST RADIO CHANGE

Tenth Anniversary of Organization Formed to Foster the Art in America Emphasizes Progress.

The story of a decade in which communication leaped beyond the wildest dreams of years that had gone before is linked with an anniversary which just has been observed. The anniversary, marking the passing of ten years since the Radio Corporation of America was founded, is significant for the entire field of radio because the corporation has been associated so closely with the great changes which have pushed back world horizons.

How great these changes have been it is hard to realize now that radio is accepted casually as one of the biggest of American industries, doing a business of more than $600,000,000 a year. It helps to bring some realization to consider radio as it appeared to the men who formed the corporation, starting business on December 1, 1919.

Broadcasting as it is today, with 40,000,000 listeners in the United States, was undreamed of then. Transoceanic radio telegraph and ship to shore communication were the interests of the men who were brought together by Owen D. Young, now Chairman of the Board, with the sympathetic cooperation of the government.

President Wilson feared the Alexanderson Alternator would enable the British to dominate radio telegraph, as they already dominated ocean cables and, at his request, the General Electric Company canceled negotiations for the device with the Marconi Company. It was to create a radio communication organization capable of holding its own against foreign competition and to supply such American organizations as the General Electric with a home market for inventions on which huge sums had been spent that the Radio Corporation was formed, welding under one central organization America's principal radio inventions and research facilities.

Now the history of the corporation becomes a story of men, as well as the story of an era. Among them are Owen D. Young, whose broadminded judgment since has been recognized by appointment as Chairman of the Reparations Commission; General James G. Harbord, military leader with a brilliant record in peace and war, President; David Sarnoff, Executive Vice-President, one of many on the company's first roll who had been working in telegraphy since boyhood; Dr. Alfred N. Goldsmith, Director of Research, a scholar of radio.

The possibilities of broadcasting suddenly were realized in 1920 and one of the most striking developments of modern times is summed up in the fact that between them and the end of 1922 the number of receiving sets in the United States increased from 30,000 to 1,500,000.

In the years that followed the Corporation organized a decade ago to further America's interests in radio telegraph has played its leading part in a changing world. Always developing that first interest in radio telegraph, it has acquired an important position in the closely allied amusement field. It has a substantial interest in the production, distribution and exhibition of sound-motion pictures, with increased facilities for furnishing entertainment and education on records, on films, through the air, in the theater and in the home.



GENERAL JAMES G. HARBORD MR. DAVID SARNOFF

Open Evenings Until Christmas Commencing Saturday, December 19

SIKESTON, MO.

Remember You Can Get Before Xmas Merchandise at After Xmas Prices

Greener's PRICE RIGHT STORES

6 More Shopping Days Before Xmas. 11 More Shopping Days of Our Gigantic Sale

Our After Christmas Sale which began the 11th is in full swing and will continue throughout the remainder of December. The low prices will also continue Never before has your dollar had so much purchasing power as now, and we are materially adding to that power by making drastic price reductions on seasonable merchandise. Be sure to visit our store before doing your Xmas shopping for if you wait till after you do your shopping you certainly will be sorry for the wait. Remember every day is Bargain Day. Why pay more when we

SELL IT FOR LESS

BOYS' SLIP-OVERS
A good slipover that will give plenty of wear. In stripes. Sizes 24 to 34. Supply is limited **25c**

BOYS' HELMETS
Boys' jersey helmets. Nice and warm and just the thing Most all colors. Special for school wear. Most all colors. Special **10c**

Boys' Leatherette Helmets
A better helmet. One that will make a very useful and desired Xmas present for the boy. Only **20c**

BOYS' WORK SHIRTS
Boys' fancy striped cheviot work shirts. While the limited supply lasts, only **39c**

Boys' All Wool Sweaters
Boys' all wool shaker knit coat sweaters. Another item that will make a practical gift for the boy. **$1.39**

HATS



New hats arriving almost weekly. These are our famous dollar hats. At our special After Xmas Sale. Only **50c**

All our genuine fur felts. Regular $1.98 to $3.98. To go special **$1**

WOMEN'S HOSE
Women's ribbed sport hose in all shades and sizes. You will be surprised at the excellent value. Special **11c**

Rayon Sport Hose
Rayon Sport Hose. Regular 39c grade. Special After Xmas Sale **29c**

Women's Sport Hose
Our regular 25c grade sport hose. The best of colors **19c**

Women's Silk Hose
In all the best shades. Pure silk from top to toe. 3 pairs for **$1.00**

Dresses
No better Xmas present for her than one of our best silk dresses. The price is specially reduced from $10.95 to **$6.95**

All $6.95 dresses specially reduced for the holiday trade to **$3.50**

All $3.95 plain silks and fancy crepes, also a few jersey knit dresses to go special **$2.00**



Men's All Wool Sweaters
Men's all wool slipover sweaters in blue and tan. All sizes. Another useful gift for Xmas. Only **$1.7**

MEN'S CAPS
Men's all wool suiting silk lined caps. New and beautiful patterns. Special **69c**

MEN'S PLUSH CAPS
Silk plush caps. Just the thing needed for these cold days. Special **39c**

MEN'S UNDERWEAR
A real heavy winter weight ribbed union suit. All sizes **75c**

Men's Dress Shirts
A genuine bargain that the men will appreciate. A complete stock to select from. New and beautiful patterns. Each 79c or 2 for **$2.25**



Men's Pants
LOT 1—There are yet a number of men's all wool dress pants that can be had for less than half price. The lots are broken, and some patterns do not have all sizes, but all sizes can be had. Lot 1 contains values up to $2.98. Special **$1.50**

LOT 2—A limited number. In this lot are pants that are worth up to $3.95. Sizes 29 to 44. Special **$1.75**

LOT 3—Another great bargain. All sizes up to 42. To close out **$2.00**

LOT 4—Only a very limited number of regular $3.98 pants for **$2.50**

LOT 5—Consists of blue serges and grey stripped pants. Sizes 29 to 40. Your choice **$3.00**

Coats
You lose money if you are in the market for a coat and pass up these bargains. All our $24.75 coats reduced to $15.00. These are the latest close fitting styles with large fur collars and cuffs. If you can be satisfied with a coat under $50.00 these will please you. Special **$15.00**

Our regular $14.85 coats to close out for **$9.75**

A genuine all wool broadcloth coat, with large fur collar and cuffs. At the ridiculously low price of **$4.75**

Misses's coats in sizes 14 to 18. Only a few left to close out Special **$4.25**



TABLECLOTHS
54x54 colored bordered table cloths. Will make ideal Xmas gifts. Only **50c**

BED SPREADS
Our regular $1.50 grade colored bed spreads. Size 80x105 **$1.05**

Boys' Lumber Jacks
Boys' leatherette lumber jacks of heavy DuPont leatherette. These will turn the rain and keep out the cold. Sizes 6 to 18. Only **$1.50**

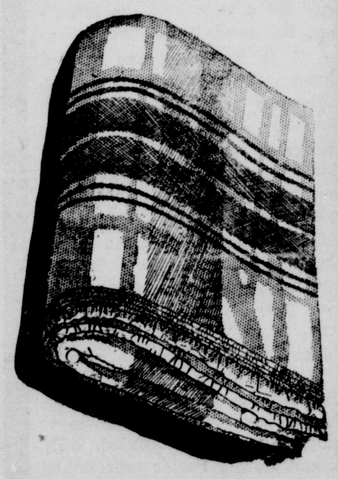
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Men's mele skin sheep-lined coats. The man who is out in all kinds of weather will greatly appreciate this value. Only **$2.95**

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66x76 cotton plaid blankets. The cheapest blanket in price you were ever permitted to buy. Only **45c**

Only a few left of our EXTRA SPECIAL heavy blankets. A blanket you will appreciate these cold winter nights. **$2.50**



TEN BRAVE MEN

by Clayton Rand, Gulfport, Miss.

When Abraham bargained with God to spare Sodom, ten righteous men could have saved it.

Millions there are today pale-faced and white-livered. As in every crisis, we have a bad blood count.

We need an infusion of faith, an injection of confidence, an innoculation against spiritual suicide.

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Competition Grows Keen In Race For Rich Awards To Be Given By Standard

Next Wednesday SOME ONE is going to own a beautiful new automobile or $600 in cash. What a grand and glorious feeling that will be! It is indeed the opportunity of a lifetime and the people of this entire trade territory are watching this big subscription campaign as it draws to a close. The contenders are working fast and furious to hold their places and to pass the one just ahead.

Hearts are beating faster, eager hands are reaching out to grasp the first award. Now the efforts and diligence of the past few weeks will be crowned with an avalanche of vote credits that will bring hundreds to their feet excitedly rooting for their favorite, hurling themselves into the fray with all the vim and vigor of the workers. Thousands and thousands of credits will be compiled Friday night, which is the close of the 60,000 extra credit offer.

A Thrilling Race

All workers are seething with the bustle of preparation for the final dash for extra credits and all their friends are determined to help their favorites fight valiantly to victory. Excitement is keyed to the highest pitch and Friday night will see scores of five-year subscriptions added to the list, thus swelling the credit totals of the workers to enormous figures. Riding along on the waves of this wonderful demonstration of public enthusiasm are the ambitious workers, who are exerting vigorous efforts to capture the grand award, and credits are being gathered from every corner to be showered in during these closing days.

As no one can be certain of victory there is an abundant speculation as to the final outcome. Next Wednesday will decide and present indications points to a hair breadth's finish for it seems certain that the awards will be won by an exceedingly narrow margin. There has never been a greater battle waged and henceforth, it behooves every worker to put fresh vitality into the work, for it is only those who rise to the occasion, brushing aside every obstacle that may appear, who have the best opportunity of finishing in first place.

Workers

Are you going to finish triumphantly with an overwhelming number of credits, or are you going to be the one to be content to see the efforts of these weary weeks go to waste and rewards and honors of the campaign wrested from your grasp by more aggressive competitors? What are you doing about it? The big winner will undoubtedly be the one who turns in the greatest number of $20 clubs of subscriptions before the end of the 60,000 extra credit offer Friday night.

Do not hesitate with time during these next few days, to hesitate now means losing the first grand award which is worth hundreds of dollars more than the second award. Every minute is precious to the person who intends to win the highest award and the honor and happiness that goes to the first winner. Time is on its way in such rapid flight that there will scarcely be a minute in which to catch one's breath before everything is over, the winners named, and the proud victor enjoying a fine new car or $600 in cash. MAKE THIS YOUR VICTORY!

DEMOCRATIC CHIEFS AGREE ON SLASHING NATION'S EXPENSES

Washington, December 15.—Concentration on a slash in governmental expendiutres was agreed upon today by a score of Democratic leaders as the first item of the party's legislative program.

In addition, they came to the conclusion that the Hoover moratorium was not a question on which the party could take sides. It was left to be settled by the personal views of the membership.

Meeting for the first time, the Democratic Congressional Policy Committee, composed of ten party ledaers from each house of the Federal Legislature, discussed taxes, tariff and the big Treasury deficit, too. Decisions on these issues were left to future meetings.

A statement was issued by Speaker Garner and Senator Robinson of Arkansas, Democratic floor leader, at the end of the two-hour session. It follows in full:

"There was a partial interchange of views regarding the proposed moratorium, government expenditures, taxation and the tariff.

"With respect to the moratorium, it was the opinion of the committee that the same is not subject matter for party consideration, and Democratic members of Congrss are expected to reflect their personal views and convictions.

"It was agreed that every possible effort shall be made to reduce government expenditures, and, with that end in view, studies will be carried on.

"No details with respect to the tariff and revised internal revenue taxes were agreed upon, these and other matters being deferred for future consideration".

Garner and Robinson were authorized to convene the committee soon, but no date was fixed. The group wil continue as an official advisory committee for the party throughout the session. It represents virtually every section of the country.

The Senators are: Robinson, Arkansas; Glass, Virginia; Walsh, Montana; Walsh, Massachusetts; Hull, Tennesee; Barkley Kentucky; Harrison, Mississippi; Bulkley, Ohio; Wagner, New York, Pittman, Nevada.

Besides Speaker Garner, the chairman, the Representatives are: Rainey, man, th eReprsentatives are: Rainey, Illinois, Democratic leader: Byrns, Tennessee; Cullen, New York; Crisp, Georgia; Bankhead, Alabama; Taylor, Colorado; Drewry, Virginia; Sandlin, Louisiana, and Greenwood, Indiana.

TEACHERS AGREE TO BEAR $51,000 OF CUT IN BUDGET

Cape Girardeau , December 15.—The Board of Regents of the State Teachers' College here has approved a plan for meeting Gov. Caulfield's reduction of $69,672 in the 1931-32 appropriation made by the Legislature.

Faculty members agreed that if their salaries are paid in full until the end of the school year, September 1, 1932, they will accept their proportionate share of the remaining allocated to salaries, unless more money is available. This will effect a reduction of $51,172.

The cost of operation will be reduced $10,000, while the remainder will be met by omitting repairs and additions.

PLASTERING BEGINS AT NEW POSTOFFICE TUES.

A group of plasterers from Paducah Ky., started Tuesday to plaster the walls of the new Postoffice building here. The same group of expert workmen finished the interior of the Slack apartment on front Street, and will try to finish their work here in about three to four weeks. Metal lathing of the entire structure was completed last week-end.

MISS VIRGINIA CRAIN— JOE TODD MARRIED NOV. 20

Miss Virginia Crain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Crain of this city, and Joe Todd, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Todd of Morehouse, were secretly married November 20, at Blytheville, Ark., they announced this week to parents and friends.

Mrs. Todd was graduated last year from the Sikeston high school, and enjoys a large circle of friends who wish for her every happiness. Mr. Todd is a graduate of Morehouse high school, and is associated with the Himmelberger-Harrison Lumber Co., of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Fox of Charleston accompanied the couple to Blytheville, and witnessed the ceremony performed by Oscar Alexander, justice of the peace.

Mr. and Mrs. Todd will make their home in Morehouse after the first of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Durard King, of Cody, Wyo., arrived Saturday evening for a visit with friends and relatives at Matthews and vicinity. This is Mrs. King's first visit to this part of the United States as she is a product of the far Northwest.

AUXVASSE FARMER TO HELP HOOVER

Out of depression and dispair sometimes comes bitterness and spleen bordering upon the novel, the clever, and the unique. Such is the case of an Auxvasse farmer, whose public sale bill lies before us, and which is being posted in our windows for a limited time.

The farmer, I. T. Van Note begins his announcement as follows: "Having decided to help Hoover get some money for his International Bankers, and to vacate this 200-acre farm so that Secretary Hyde can set it out in trees and brush, I will sell at my home, known as the John Eller farm, three miles north of Auxvasse, eight miles south of Mexico, and three-fourths mile west of Highway 54, down a beautiful (?) Arthur M. Hyde-Franklin D. Roosevelt drive (native brush on both sides), beginning at ten o'clock a. m., on Thursday, December 17, 1931.

My entire farm equipment, consisting of live stock, farm machinery, feed, etc., and some household goods: 14 head of good cows and heifers, springers and fresh.

Secretary Hyde wants one cow out of every ten killed and all of the dairy heifer calves. If someone does not kidnap him and take him to an asylum before the date of sale, I may have only twelve head. I suppose he will want one out of the ten and a small heifer out of the four to make his account balance, and if there are only twelve here on the date of sale you will know that the Secretary of Agriculture is still at large and has collected his tithe.

One eight-year-old mule, two aged mares. They'll be here. Hyde is not interested in them . . . 900 bushels of corn . . . and a lot of other things that are mortgaged.

Terms: Cash or credit.

The ladies of the Auxvasse Baptist church will serve the dinner out of the "great surplus" we hear so much about. The only over-production I know of is empty stomachs and debts.

Hyde, Stone & Co., are very busy at this time, and I did not call on them to sell this or send their official sealer to help me. I just got some of the home boys to sell it, as I think from the past record of the above company our boys can beat them selling. Therefore, I have employed Holman, Kircher and Larue.

Clerk, George Motley

I. T. VAN NOTE

P. S. Star and Ruralist please copy. —I. T. V.

PATROL BEGINS TO CLAMP DOWN ON UNLIGHTED WAGONS

It's sure tough being a farmer nowadays. With Hoover, Artie Hyde and all the boys telling him how to get rich by not planting anything; mortgage companies insisting upon signatures on the dotted line, and landlords getting nasty about this and that. Comes now the Highway Patrol and says that the law passed by the State Legislature last May about having tail lights on wagons and other horse (or mule) drawn vehicles, really means what it says. And it says plenty, viz:

Any person who shall place or drive or cause to be placed or driven, upon or along any State or supplementary highway of this State any horse drawn vehicle whatsoever whether in motion or at rest shall after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise have attached to every such vehicle at the rear thereof a red tail light or a red reflecting device of not less than 3 sq. in., in diameter of effective arear . . . for the reflected light to be visible to the driver of any motor vehicle approaching such horse drawn vehicle from the rear for a distance of not less than 500 feet.

Approved May 2, 1931, effective September 15, 1931.

BOX SUPPER AND PROGRAM TO BE GIVEN AT SLAPOUT

Mrs. Arnold Roth, teacher of the Dunniver School, better known as "Slapout", 5 miles east of Sikeston on Highway 60, wishes to announce that pupils of the school will present a Christmas program Friday night at 7 o'clock. A box supper will follow the program to which the public is invited.

Elvins—New Regal Theatre building being rebuilt.

ARREST YOUTH IN SLAYING OF STODDARD MAN

Bloomfield, December 15.—Chester Jordan, 19, of Bernie, was in the county jail here today, the third person to face charges of murder in connection with the mysterious shooting of Henry Froemsdorf, a farmer recluse.

Jordan was arrested late Monday by Sheriff Fread Beal after Connie Bowman, 21, also accused in the slaying, pleaded guilty and named Jordan as an accomplice. Bowman was sentenced in Circuit Court by Judge John H. McAnally to serve 40 years in prison. Charges against a third man, Fierce Bowman, father of Connie, were dismissed.

Froemsdorf was found shot to death near his farm home in the St. Francis river bottoms, west of Bernie, October 1.

Following his arrest, Jordan admitted he was present when Froemsdorf was murdered and saw it done, but denied that he fired any of the shots which caused the aged man's death, according to Prosecuting Attorney Kip Briney. He will remain in jail until formal araignment Monday.

Bowman explained to officers the killing as it took place on the farm. Bowman and his father lived across St. Francis River from the Froemsdorf farm. According to the story told to Sheriff Fred Beal and other officers, some hogs belonging to Bowman crossed the river and went onto the recluse's farm.

Froemsdorf, according to officers, penned the hogs and charged young Bowman a fee when he came to take them home. The latter protested the fee, it was said, and officers said Froemsdorf had been fired on with a rifle and shotgun. Officers said the story told them was that Bowman fired on Froemsdorf and the latter ran down a ravine towards the river when he fell. Bowman implicated Jordan in his confession, claiming he was an accomplice to the killing. Froemsdorf's body was found five days after he had been killed, and hogs had mutilated the body.

There was a long wound in one of his arms, appearing like that made by a knife or bayonet.

AS I SEE IT

By I'm About Town

Perhaps the world is taking a turn for the better. We notice most of the Santa Claus letters have a line or so "please don't forget the other little children".

Or maybe someone has wised up someone about appearing unselfish.

If things are not as they should be at all times, is is occasionally good for one's soul and whatnot to take a turn or two around the block. After sounding inverted blue notes for some hours about work piled upon our desk Tuesday, we happened across a bent, crooked old man. A stocking cap, weather worn and many winters old adorned his head, a faded sweat shirt helped to break the chilliness of a sharp afternoon, and his shoes might have been improved considerably by a trip to the cobblers. His trousers would readily admit him to a nudist clan, or to the following of "the little salt maker from India".

And Christmas only a few days around the corner.

News are not scarce in Cape Girardeau, and won't be for some time, if that Delta school girl will just remain kidnapped for a few more weeks. Boys, better lay up a supply of that copy. Remember the dull, drab newsless days of January and February.

Weather always makes good copy in a pinch, though.

In the not so long ago a (meaning one) 200-pound pig brought in the neighborhood of $40. Right now 200 pigs will just about buy one good pork sandwich.

The Man About Town has heard for some time that a wedding affecting himself and another person was set for the near future. As each week rolls around and becomes part and parcel of another week, the event still refuses to happen, and so it goes, on and on from week to week and month to month.

The latest report is that the fusion of souls is to take place during the Christmas holidays, which Christmas we do not know. We appreciate this information, and trust that our many friends will hurry the proceeding to a happy close.

For the sake of some, we wish to announce that we intend to partake of a few Tom and Jerries this Christmas while still in a state of coma, single blessedness, or what have you. We still intend to howl with the boys occasionally and to to eat breakfact with G. B. Greer and Uncle Dave Kevil—two other single boys.

What 1932 and 1933 will bring we cannot say. To some of our friends the months will bring happiness, bankruptcy, death, babies, tax notices, and grocery bills (for two or more members of the family.) For us the years may bring a new job, provided this one terminates some bright morning, suddenly, a wife, and everything else mentioned in the sentence just preceding this. One never can tell.

California's budget for forest-fire protection is the largest of any of the States with nearly $800,000 available from Federal, State and private funds.

2 'LEGGERS FACE STIFF FINE AND JAIL

J. T. Kimball of New Madrid and James Earl of this city, alleged to have been supplying youthful patrons of Friday night dances in this city with liquor are in the county jail at Benton, serving sentences imposed last Saturday in the court of Judge Wm. S. Smith.

Kimball and Earl were arrested in the alley back of the Bank of Sikeston last Friday night by Constable Brown Jewell, on charges of possession and sale. They pleaded guilty before Judge Smith and were fined $50 and costs, each, and six months in the county jail.

The Friday night dances sponsored by the Missouri Melody Makers, have been patronized largely by high school boys and girls, and by young folks about town. Officer Brown Jewell co-operating with other city authorities, is determined to wipe out, or at least make unpleasant, visits by local and foreign bootleggers.

XMAS LIGHTS BRIGHTEN SEVERAL BUSINESS PLACES

One of the most unusual Christmas lighting effects thus far produced here was inaugurated Monday night by the Missouri Utilities office, cooperating with John A., and Harry C. Young. The Young Building on Center Street had been decorated with light streamers for the past week, and Monday workmen hoisted the latest piece of Christmas cheer—a huge bell, composed of 286 vari-colored lights. Guy wires leading to the top of the building also support several colored lights.

Windows of the Missouri Utilities Company are perhaps the best decorated of the many in town.

Carroll's Tire Station also presents a pleasing picture after dark. The east and south sides of the filling station lot, are enlivened by streamers of colored lights.

Buckner's last week completed the installation of modern window lighting equipment, and the windows are now on a par with Graber's and the Whiz Bang as far as lighting effect is concerned. Unusual brilliance without shadows is achieved by the concealed flood lights in these business house windows.

Many other stores in the city including Galloways, Derris', Joyner's Cafe, Kirby's, Sikes Hardware, Becker's Sterlings, Greener's, The Bijou, Sheppard's Cafe and Dudley's Place have decorated more or less elaborately for the holidays.

SAMEUL T. MITCHELL OF KEWANEE DIES DECEMBER 6

Samuel T. Mitchell, an honored citizen of the Kewanee neighborhood, died Sunday, December 6 at the home of his neice, Mrs. Wm. Schurenberg. Mr. Mitchell was 71 years, 6 months and 19 days old.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Emma Pack of St. Petersburg, Fla., Mrs. A. L. Wise of Little Rock, Ark., five nephews, six neices, six great-nephews and eight great-neices.

Interment was made at the F. F. Lee Cemetery with Rev. M. H. Markley of New Madrid officiating.

Jury Holds Death Of Farmer Wednesday Eve Unavoidable

A coroner's jury impaneled by Dr. Vernon, coroner of Mississippi County, Tuesday morning, held the death of C. B. Arnold, farmer near Diehlstadt, Monday evening to be an unavoidable accident, releasing Evans Copeland of New Madrid, whose car struck and fatally injured Arnold on Highway 60 near the Joe Davis farm.

Arnold was struck by Copeland's car as he jumped in front of the machine, evidently in an effort to flag down the motorist. Copeland states that he did not see the man until an instant before the impact.

Highway patrolmen disclosed that Arnold and his brother had been to Sikeston in a car borrowed from Harrison Terry, a brother-in-law. They started home about 4:45 o'clock Monday evening, but their automobile had gone into a ditch about two miles west of Bertrand.

Arnold suddenly jumped in front of Copeland's machine, a Chevrolet sedan, waving his arms. The impact crushed his chest, broke both legs below the knees, fractured his skull and broke his left arm. The body was dragged about fifteen feet. Arnold was rushed to the Emergency Hospital in the Albritton ambulance, and lived about thirty minutes.

According to evidence introduced at the inquest, Arnold had been drinking heavily. His brother fled immediately after the accident, but was located late Monday night. He and his brother had been selling pecans in and near Sikeston, and still had a quantity left when they decided to return home.

Copeland was not held by officers, but appeared the following morning at the inquest. A car occupied by two girls was approaching from the west at the time of the accident, and both remained to witness the tragedy. Copeland was riding alone. His machine was badly damaged. The radiator was shoved back against the engine block, the hood was dented, and the right headlight knocked out of position.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at the Mainord cemetery near Diehlstadt. Arnold is survived by his wife and four small children, the oldest 6 years old, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Foster Arnold of near Diehlstadt.

MISSOURI MOTOR LAWS ARE BASED ON COMMON SENSE SAY SUPT. ELLIS

Jefferson City, December 14.—The driver of an automobile on Missouri's highways does not have to know the exact provisions of the law in order to operate his car properly, according to Lewis Ellis, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

"Missouri's motor vehicle law is based on common sense principles rather than on arbitrary restrictions," Ellis says. "It assumes that the driver of a motor car has some judgment, and places responsibility on him for the safe operation of his vehicle. It does not permit him to escape responsibility through the excuse of having complied with fixed limitations".

A "safe driving code" for Missouri motorists is summarized by Superintendent Ellis in the following simple rules:

Keep your car under control at all times.

Be sure brakes are in good working order.

See that both headlights and taillight are working; headlights adjusted so they illumine the road but do not blind approaching driver; use dimmers when meeting other cars.

Keep on the right side of roadway; don't straddle or hug the center line.

THIS "LIE-LAK" BUSH DESERVES SPECIAL NOTE

Andrew L. Stillwell, who lives two miles west of Fulton, says that in the sixty years he has lived in Missouri, he has never before picked lilacs at Christmas time. Saturday he brought in a twig in full bloom, though it showed some effects of the cold weather. He said there were many other buds on the bush, ready to open. —Fulton Sun-Gazette. A number of Mexico lilac bushes have burst into leaves the past week.

FREE PENTECOSTAL REVIVAL TO BEGIN SUNDAY NIGHT

Rev. C. D. Daniel will conduct a free Pentecostal revival beginning Sunday at the church west of the Frisco tracks on Highway 60, and extends an invitation to the public to attend. Rev. Daniel will discuss "The Signs of the Times, the Coming of the End of the World" at the first meeting.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School—9:30 o'clock

Morning worship—11 o'clock. Subject: "The Christmas Story".

The three Endeavor groups meet Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock.

At 7:30 o'clock members of the church will present a pageant "No Room in the Inn". The public is cordially invited.

Young people of the church will participate in a Christmas program Wednesday night, December 23 at 7 o'clock.

Two firms who tried to smuggle Dutch bulbs acros the Canadian border were detected by plant quarantine inspectors and paid $5000 fines.

SCOTT COUNTY GINS REPORT 6479 BALES

According to the latest Government cotton report, a total of 6479 bales of cotton was ginned from the 1931 crop prior to December 1, as compared to 5221 bales up to the same time in 1930.

A similar ratio is held by Mississippi County which reported a total of 9195 bales up to December 1, 1931 as compared with 6642 bales in 1930.

EX-CONVICT, RUNNING FOR SHERIFF, ASKS STATE TO FORGIVE THEFT OF COW

New Orleans, December 14.—Running for sheriff in his home parish of Vermillion, Frank Marceaux today asked the State to forgive and forget the larceny of a cow more than thirty years ago.

Supported by influential citizens and with his candidacy for sheriff endorsed by Governor Long, Marceaux applied to the State pardon board for restoration of his citizenship, lost in 1899 when he went to prison for two years for the theft of a heifer. Following his release from the penitentiary in 1901, Marceaux became a leading resident of his parish.

SON OF MAN KILLED IN GARY WRECK BURIED TUES.

Howard Carl Mainord, whose father was killed four years ago in a bus-train tragedy at Gary, Ind., died Monday morning at the family home near Matthews, following an illness with dropsy and leakage of the heart.

He was born May 15, 1907 and died at the age of 24 years, 6 months and 29 days.

Funeral servcies were conducted at the Matthews Methodist church Tuesday morning, 10 o'clock, with Rev. Margraves officiating. Interment in Matthews cemetery, Albritton of Sikeston in charge.

His mother, Mrs. Eva Mainord, two sisters, Mrs. Reda Kelley of Sikeston and Nadine Mainord of the home, six brothers, Wayne, Charles, Roy, Fred, Lyle and Courtney, Jr., his grandmother, Mrs. Hodie Hill and grandfather, Robert Byrd, survive.

GOVERNMENT LOAN AGENT TO BE IN BENTON DEC. 23

V. G. Schwarz, assistant farmers seed loan agent, will be at the County Agent's office at Benton on Wednesday, December 23 to meet with anyone desiring information in regard to Federal Seed Loans. This will probably be the last meeting at the agent's office for convenience of farmers.

Shotgun Trap Kills Chicken Thief

Hayti, December 14.—Robert Wilson, negro, was killed early yesterday in the chicken house of Alsup, a farmer, by a shotgun trap Alsup had arranged after missing 60 chickens. It had been fired on two precious occasions by a dog and a rooster.

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C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

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Another Cathedral is to be erected in New York City, the nave of which alone will cost $6,000,000. This is why we believe every church and all church property throughout the land should be taxed the same as other property. Also, there should be no more tax exempt bonds of any sort issued. The way things are now pointing only the man at the bottom and part of the way up the ladder will pay all the taxes in the future. Future issues of stocks and bonds should bear sufficient interest to enable the holders thereof to bear his part of the tax burdens to keep up State an Nation.

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To Inquirer: Berets and brassiers are used exclusively by the gentler sex, though in certain instances it seems neither is worn. Each answers its own purpose.

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A banker's magazine tells of a man who went hunting in a deserted forest. A terriffic storm came up. The hunter ran for shelter. But there was none. It began to rain. He crawled into a hollow log, which fitted him rather snugly. It rained and it rained. Then it rained some more. The water soaked through the wood. The log began to swell. When the storm was over, the hunter could not get out. He strained until he was blue in the face. But the log held tight. Exhausted, he gave up. He knew that he would starve to death. Like a drowning man, he saw his whole life flash before him, especially his mistakes. He suddenly remembered that he had not paid his subscription to the home paper—and crawled out of the log without difficulty. it made him feel so small that he

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Larry Brunk, Republican State Treasurer, is a funny fellow. He was scarcely out of the snares of the law, when he declared himself righteous and tried to pull others into the clutches of the law. He now shouts for a vindication from the people. He acts as though he were a martyr for the cause of Republican officialdom. Come on Larry, trot yourself out for State Auditor or Secretary of State and you will get a vindication the likes of which you have never heard of before.—Perry County Sun.

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WHY COUNTIES GO BROKE

A few weeks ago this paper carried a news story to the effect that the county court had refused to pay an account of upwards of $600, purporting to be for soaps and disinfectants bought by the local sheriff within a year.

That story seems to have spurred other Southeast Missouri newspapers to an investigation of similar expenditures within their own counties, and their findings have resulted in interesting news stories and pointed editorial comments.

The Greenville Sun reports that records in Wayne county indicate that $2.25 per gallon has been paid for disinfectants, and that there are, in that county, unpaid bills for disinfectants, towels, brushes, paper, etc., totaling $1500.

The Enterprise-Courier of Charleston has been looking into conditions in Mississippi County, and the editor concludes it is no wonder his county is broke. Some enterprising disinfectant salesman has been loading that county up with materials costing $2.10 per gallon, when his investigation shows the best grade of disinfectant can be bought for 70 to 80 cents per gallon.

The Charleston editor charges openly that it is the policy of certain disinfectant and stationery concerns to furnish banquets to county officials, give them pocket knives, traveling bags, handcuffs, writing sets, fountain pens, and even free trips to distant points in return for their patronage. All this, he says, is charged up ten-fold to the taxpayer.

Investigations indicate that in some manner the disinfectant companies have tremendous drags with many county officials. Madison is probably no worse than many others, but somewhere there is crookedness, or ignorance or almost criminal disregard for the interest of the taxpayer. There are two responsible drug stores in Fredericktown and either one will gladly furnish Madison County its needs in disinfectants for a sum far less than $2.10 per galon, and so far as we know neither store has ever been permitted to quote a price on this material.

Many of the big stationery houses rank with disinfectant concerns in employing reprehensible methods of securing business, and those same concerns have taken thousands of dollars from counties for stationery and record books over the price the local printer would have charged.

The local printer asks for no favors, but he is usually a substantial citizen, pays his taxes and holds up his end of the community load, and he is entitled at least to the privilege of quoting a price on the needs of the various county offices, a privilege often denied him.

Record books have been, in the past, bought right here in Madison county for $50 to $90 apiece, which we will contract to supply in any quantity for $25 to $60 each. In twenty years we cannot remember of ever overbidding an outside printing concern, and our prices are often less than half these quoted from the outside. High pressure salesmen usually put up the story "the local printer can't do this job" and make the purchaser believe it. There isn't a printing job in Madison county that we can't do or have done.

We can say, however, that in most cases the local county officials have tried to buy their stationery and book requirements at lowest prices obtainable, and County Clerk Womack, within one year, has saved the county a considerable sum of money on supplies that were formerly bought without regard to price, without competitive bids, from out-of-town concerns.

It is the belief of this paper, and of other Southeast Missouri papers, that the biggest and most disasterous leaks from the county treasury are through the "contingent funds", and that these leaks trickle into the coffers of the disinfectant and stationery concerns.

The financial troubles of most counties originate in the foolish buying of supplies by incompetant officials.—Fredericktown Democrat.

What becomes of your dismantled Christmas tree after the holidays Do not try to burn it in the fireplace, even if partially cut up. The dry, brittle evergreen will start a roaring fire and possibly set fire to the chimney, endangering the house. Have the tree dragged away to a safe place for a bonfire, and use it as a nucleus to get rid of any other rubbish that can be burned up. The same precautions apply to any sort of Christmas greens.

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We, the Second Baptist Church in Sunset Addition, had a very splendid service last Sunday. At 9:45 o'clock our Superintnedent, Bro. James Roach, was at his post, and played well his part in that part of the program.

Our pastor, Rev. Dr. S. D. Woods, made a wonderful expanation on the Sunday school lesson. At 11:30, our pastor introduced Rev. Anderson as the speaker for the hour. Rev. Anderson preached a soul-stirring sermon, and we hope he will come again.

The Ministerial Alliance met last Friday night, and we had a very interesting Bible lesson. The President, Dr. Woods, speaks very highly of Rev. S. V. Wolfe and Rev. N. A. Murray as Bible students.

E. D. Howard, who recently moved in Sunset Addition, had an accident last Saturday night. He was driving out to the highway from his home to highway 60 and his windshield being dimmed by the rain, he could not see very well and turned too short and ran into the ditch. No one in the car received serious injuries.

Lewis Jimerson has begun work on his building where he expects to operate a service station on highway 60, opposite Sunset Addition. He has given his place the name, "West End Service Station" and hopes to have it ready for business by Christmas.

We are asking the farmers if they can obtain good weather to give us a trial at picking their cotton, because we want to meet Santa Claus on halfway ground.

40 YEARS FOR KILLING FARMER IN ROW OVER HOGS

Bloomfield, December 14.—Connie Bowman, 19 years old, pleaded guilty in Circuit Court today to participation in the murder last October 1 of Henry Franzdorf, well-to-do farmer and stockman, at Franzdorf's farm near Bernie, Dunklin County. Judge John A. McAnally sentenced him to 40 years in prison.

Charges against Fierce Bowman, Connie's father, were dismissed.

Young Bowman implicated Chester Jordan, 17, in his plea of guilty. The shooting resulted from Franzdorf taking up several hogs belonging to Bowman and his father and charging a fee for their release. Franzdorf was shot seven times.

Jordan was arrested and brought to jail where he was held without bail awaiting formal indictment.

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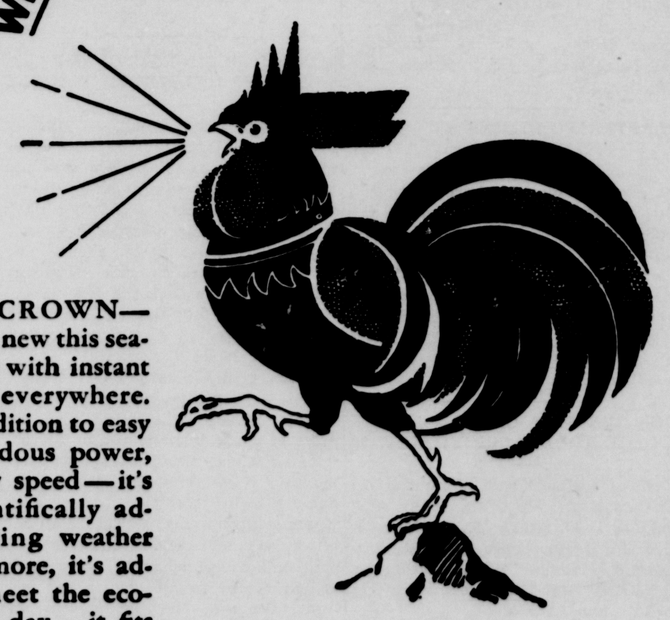
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LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM MORLEY

Lyman Harrison of Benton was a Morley visitor Saturday.

Miss Mary Alma Harris is assisting in the postoffice during the holiday season.

Marvin Smith of Kentucky visited his grandmother, Aunt Mollie Evans, the past week.

Mrs. J. F. Grant of Cape Girardeau was a visitor at the home of Aunt Mollie Evans, Wednesday.

Harly Emerson of Hayti was a guest of Wilson Dickey and other friends the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shores and family of Chaffee were guests at the W. F. Watson home, Saturday.

Lewis Koster, who underwent an operation for appendicitis a few weeks ago, is seriously ill again.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Cummins and daughters were business visitors in Sikeston and Charleston, Saturday.

Miss Mamie Lauderdale of Charleston was called here Tuesday by the illness of her brother-in-law, F. M. Pride.

Roy Lauderdale of St. Louis and Mr. Pride of Kentucky were called here by the illness of F. M. Pride, the first of the week.

Martin Boyer of Detroit, Mich., has been visiting old-time friends and relatives here and at Blodgett the past past two weeks.

Mesdames R. H. Leslie, Lartie Leslie and Anna Lucky, Misses Nancy and Marjorie Leslie spent Saturday at Cape Girardeau, shopping.

The closing of the Scott County Bank was a tragedy to many families who were left without any money to purchase food or other necessities.

A large number of Morley people attended the "stunt" contest at Benton Thursday night, when the Boy Scouts and the high school glee club appeared on the program.

Mrs. Virgin Morrison and son of Sikeston visited the former's mother, Mrs. L. S. Gipson, Friday. Seibert and Marie Gipson returned to Sikeston with them for a week-end visit.

Mesdames Forest Watson, Maud Daugherty and Josephine Watson spent Wednesday at Sikeston visit- remained at the Leslie Watson home ing and shopping. The last named remained for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Vaughn and family, Mrs. Harris Foster and children, Mrs. Wm. Foster and children and Mrs. L. S. Gipson were among the number at Sikeston Saturday to see Santa Claus.

C. W. Cannon sold nineteen hogs averaging 224 pounds each at Cape Girardeau Saturday for three dollars and ninety cents per hundred. Mr. Cannon says he never sold hogs for less than six cents per pound before.

F. M. Pride, age 59 years, died Friday, December 11, after an illness of about two weeks. He is survived by a wife, four children and several grandchildren. Two children by his first marriage are a son in Kentucky and Mrs. J. M. Mercer of Ironton, another son having been killed in the World War. He came to Morley ten years ago and later married Miss Della Lauderdale to whom were born a daughter, 6, and a son, 4. Funeral services were held at the family home Sunday, December 13, with burial in Morley cemetery.

LAND DRAINAGE DISTRICTS BUY SPECULATIVELY HELD TAXABLE

Jefferson City, Dec. 14.—Lands owned by a drainage district, that are not needed for right-of-way or other necessary purposes of the district, are subject to general taxation, the Attorney-General's office held in an opinion.

"We might add", the opinion, written by C. A. Powell, an Assistant Attorney-General, said, "That it might be held that the supervisors of the drainage district, in making such purchases of real estate for the purpose of holding and selling it at a profit, make themselves personally liable for converting funs that should be applied on the payment of the bonded indebtedness of the district".

S. P. Dalton, Prosecuting Attorney of Cape Girardeau County, asked the Attorney-General's office for an opinion as to whether lands purchased by a drainage district at a sale based upon a judgment for State and county taxes, or at a sale based upon a judgment to enforce the collection of its own special assesment or tax, make the property exempt from the payment of State and County taxes. He pointed out that "in neither instance are the lands purchased required to be used by the district for right-of-way or other necessary purposes of the district".

Dalton said the question had arisen in Cape Girardeau and several other Southeast Missouri counties.

Dairy specialists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture advise against milking a cow just before calving. If the udder is swollen excessively, reduce the concentrate ration.

REPUBLICANS TAKE CONTROL OF SENATE

Washington, December 14.—Republicans took control of the Senate today and received a warning from the Democrats to settle or forget their row over the re-election of Senator Moses as president pro tempore.

With committees formally organized for business, Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the Democratic leader, warned that if the Moses controversy is not settled soon he will insist upon abandoning it and turning to legislation.

Senators regarded his declaration as putting the issue up to the Western Republicans who are opposing Moses. They saw it as presenting the independents with two courses of procedure—to vote for the Democratic nominee and break the present deadlock, or permit Moses to carry on by default. He serves until his successor is elected.

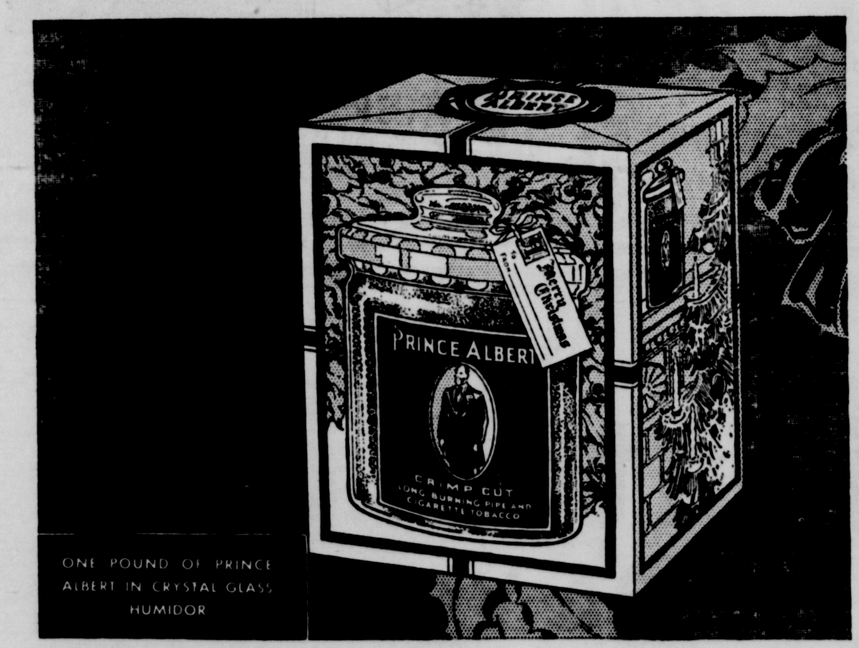
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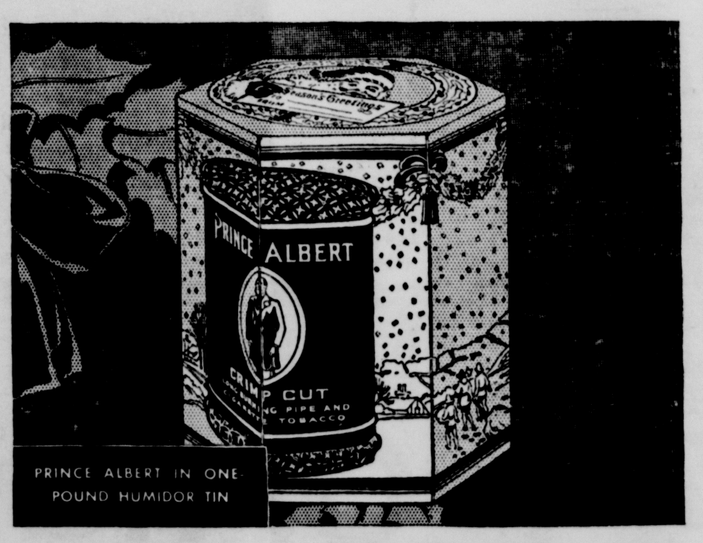
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C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

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The House of Representatives has about five thousand bills awaiting its consideration. Less than one-tenth of them relate to matters of public interest, the balance being of a more or less private nature. Congressmen sometimes are condemned for lack of attention to the general welfare. One reason why Representatives cannot occupy themselves to a greater degree with the duties of the statesman, is that they have to spend too much time in pulling their constituents' personal chestnuts out of the fire. Among affairs of public interest, there will be several attacks upon prohibition. The National Association of Manufacturers thinks that the tariff needs revision, and no doubt will be given a chance to be heard. The things absorbing the efforts of Congress, like the articles at a farm auction, will be "too numerous to mention" but will be noted in this column from time to time, as the more important of them come up for debate. Mr. Garner, the new speaker, is on hand, and is denting his desk top with the gavel in the time-honored fashion. The Senate is proceeding gravely to its business, which probably will include some contests over seats in that body. Upon the whole, it seems likely that the 72d Congress will afford plenty of material for comment.

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The hunger marchers descended upon Washington, as promised, but created hardly more than a ripple of curiosity. It is to be questioned whether the assemblage really was representative of the masses in need of help. In general, the demonstration was orderly. The speeches had a good deal of "down with" something or other in them, coupled with some definite requests, such as the provision of a dole of $150 per man. Free food was provided, and was put to the use intended, for the most part, tho' there was a definite stand against the baked beans supplied by one of the missions. Viewed by and large, the hunger marchers brought up nothing for consideration that was not thoroughly aired when Coxey's Army visited Washington in 1894.

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In different localities, relief is being refused to persons owning an auto, a radio, or a dog. Perhaps there is excuse for withholding aid from a family having costly means for entertainment and pleasure, but it would be a pretty mean individual who would offer to give a hungry man a dollar provided that he would knock a pet in the head.

The Bureau of Mines finds that it is impractical to use general statements as to the quality of gasoline. The average motor car operator will be inclined to think that general statements composed of a few short explosive words about bad gas are highly practical, at least to the extent of giving vent to his feelings.

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The Postmaster General suggests a three-cent rate on letters. Indirect taxation is dangerous and should always be watched, but a three-cent rate on sealed missives will meet with no great amount of opposition. It would be hard to find a private messenger who would deliver a note in the next township, or even across the street, for the sum stated. Considering the advantages afforded by the postal system, and that it is not operated as a profit-making business, most letter-writers will be willing to give the Postmaster General the extra copper that he needs.

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A contest is on to settle the best system of playing bridge. So important a matter should not turn upon the relative skill of two men. If Mussolini cannot tell us what is best in the premises, the leading political parties should have clearly defined planks in their platforms, so that one may know who is a safe man for office.

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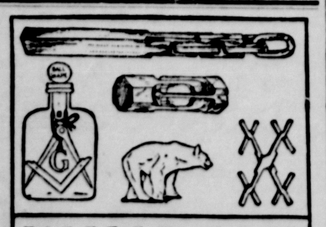
The smallness of the world, and the efficiency of the means of communication, are made evident by the fact that Canada has furnished the United States with news about what South Africa has done regarding a horse race in Ireland.

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DAY BY DAY WITH GOVERNOR PATTERSON

It seems to me that during these days of depression, the white people who take the change in their own lives so hard, could well take a lesson from the negro and his philosophy. Seldom do we hear of a negro complaining of his lot. He accepts things as they are, hoping always for the best but willing to take the worst, if the worst comes.

He looks out upon the world with an equanimity that the white man does not possess, and his inner peace is rarely disturbed by outside conditions beyond his control.

If the negro does become downcast by some sudden misfortune, he quickly recovers himself and goes on in his old accustomed way, with hope in his breast and a song on his lips. Few white men can stand adversity, and take the knocks from fate like the negro. His example of patience and resignation is a constant reminder and reproach to his white brother who is given to moroseness, and frequently to despair, when things go wrong and cannot be immediately righted.

This is not caused from the negro's lack of feeling for he is no less sensible to pain, to joy and sorrow than the white man, but he controls himself better, and does not make himself and others miserable by useless repinings.

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In talking this over with a friend the other day, he gave it as his opinion that the average negro has so little of this world's goods that when he loses them the difference is not so great as when the white man is forced to part with his greater possessions. I do not think this is an explanation.

It is true the average negro has far less than the average white man, but it is also true that in some instance he has more, and in every instance he has something, however small, upon which he depends.

Relatively speaking, any loss to the negro, whether it be large or small, should produce the same result in both the negro and the white man, but we know this is not the case.

I think a better, and the true explanation is, that the negro as a rule has more genuine faith in religion than the white man has, that he derives from it more comfort, that he uses it as a better shield against the blows of adversity.

To the negro religion is more real, and whether it is your sort or my sort, it is the negro's chief reliance when the ills of life afflict him. It is a rare exception when a negro takes his own life in a fit of despair. His religion operating upon his mental processes, stays his hand, and brings him safely through his ordeal.

The negro believes in God the Creator and Preserver. He believes, too, in immortality. No doubts and questionings on these subjects ever enters the mind of the great majority of black people we see every day.

Therefore, with firm faith in the life to come, the negro as a rule is fortified against the disasters of his mortal existance. This gives him strength. This teaches him the futility of a bitter outlook and of nervous impatience, so often found among the white people who pin their faith to purely material things, and when these fail have nothing left to sustain them. The white person who has the negro's faith, and there are many who do, have the same aid and ressitance against the frowns of fortune.

I think the testimony of the believers in religion, whether they are black or white, is the finest tribute that can be paid to the power of religion itself, its meaning and its helpfulness.

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The explanation recently given a life insurance company for failing to pay premiums on a policy seems reasonable. It read: "Please excuse us as we can't pay any more premiums on Sam Johnson. He died last May. Yours truly, Mrs. S. Johnson".

Sikeston Standard, $1.50 per year.

Black is not a mourning color in the Orient and, financially, it is not nearly so much so as red in this country.

Holders of the 1932 hunting and fishing license, scheduled to go on sale December 15, is not only good for next season but will be honored during the last fifteen days of 1931, State game officials point out. This arrangement in license sales is made in order that county clerks and their agents can make final license reports to the department by December 31.



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COTTON PICKIN' SCHOOLS REOPEN: EXPECT WORK FOR ATTENDANCE OFFICERS

By Milus R. Davis,
Supt. New Madrid Schools

John J. Klipfel, Conran, attended to school business in the county seat last Saturday.

O. E. Mitchell, Attendance Officer, expects to be rushed into service now since cotton picking is slacking up and many school boards are likely to call for service in order to bring up their attendance. Some of our white schools are running short and will not have a sufficient average to entitle them to a full quota of State aid unless some action is taken.

All teachers using the second quarterly questions furnished by the State are requested to send in the scores made by the pupils by December 25 or not later than January 1. These scores will be standardized and the results returned to the teachers so they can compare the work of their pupils to the average of the county.

Wm. Robertson, H. B. Doolittle, H. W. McCoy and J. A. McKinley were in the county last week talking textbooks to the school men. These men represent book companies and we are especialy interested in what good companies have to present now, as we expect to have out a recommended list of textbooks this spring which will be especially helpful to rural boards.

It is the desire of the Textbook Commission to get the best books possible, which will be a task as we have a score of good companies, all deserving consideration

If any teacher in the county is using a textbook which deserves special commendation, we would be pleased to have a report on it, which will help us in our selections

We have no intention of asking schools to throw away books that are now in use, but when these wear out, we will suggest that the new books be given consideration for replacement purposes.

The writer served on a textbook commission ten years ago and in that adoption we signed a five-year contract, as provided by law, for the books selected. We are supposed to do that this time but it is unwise as a better book might come out before the contract expires and yet our hands would be tied by this contract.

We have known school boards to sign up with one company agreeing to use their books for five years, under the impression that they were gaining the privilege of buying books at wholesale, when the truth is that any board can buy textbooks at wholesale prices without signing a contract.

School boards should be warned against companies which stoop to this unfair practice, as no advantage whatever is gained by the board in signing such contract. It would be just as wise for an individual to sign a pledge to buy all personal supplies from one store in town for a period of five years.

We are expecting the high school inspector in the county soon, and many schools will welcome him and an early approval in order to get a release of the last half of State-aid. We hope none of our schools will be as unfortunate as a high school in a neighboring county which has been inspected but is not to be approved until one of the present teachers is replaced by a qualified one.

BOONVILLE FEEDS HUNGRY MEN AT 7½ CENTS A HEAD

Boonville, Mo., December 14.—This city has inaugurated a system whcih feeds the hungry at a negligible cost while at the same time reducing to a minmum the practice of begging.

Last month it served 139 meals to penniless men at a cost of $10.37, or less than 7½ cents a meal. The meals are served at the city jail, and the preliminary requirement for each meal is an hour's labor on the rock pile. The system has practically rid the city of beggars, at the same time providing for men who are sincere in their representation of willingness to work.

The plan was tried by Mayor H. D. Quigg who was opposed to feeding transients at public eating houses at 20 cents a head.

U. S. CRUISERS DEFECTIVE, SAYS BRITISH NAVAL BOOK

London, December 14.—Serious defects are declared to exist in the United States' new 10,000-ton "treaty type" cruisers in the new issue of "Jane's Fighting Ships", the standard British work of naval reference.

Of the Augusta class of six vessels, the book says, "owing to the center of gravity being placed too low, they roll considerably, and the Northampton has been fitted with bigger bulge keels. Some have developed cracked stern post, due to wieght saving and (or) vibration".

The sisterships Pensacola Salt Lake City are declared to 'suffer from lack of freeboard". The description adds, "Vibration is excessive, mainly due to the shape of their sterns, and they roll considerably".

"Jane's" is regarded as an authoritative work based on information from only the highest sources.

Federal intermediate credit bank loans to financing agencies totaled $78,470,000 in October this year compared with $63,119,000 in October, 1930



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WHAT IS CHRISTMAS.

By Marjorie Shuler

The merriest day, the saddest day, the day that you are happiest over all you have had, the day that your heart aches most for all that you have missed or have had and lost—that's Christmas.

That day that sets you tingling with joyous anticipation for weeks beforehand, the day you wish you could sleep straight through and thus wipe off your calendar—that's Christmas. The day that rouses in you all that is generous and tolerant and kindly, the day that wearies you with sentimentality and disaappointment and despair—that's Christmas.

Christmas is like the illusion and despair—that's Christmas.

Christmas is like the illusion produced by the East Indian fakir. There he squats in the dust waving a bright-colored rag. One onlooker sees a star of hope, another a tree glittering with gifts, another an octopus of bills squeezing and crushing, another nothing.

But stop. Have not all of us helped to maintain the illusion by our willingness to accept as true whatever seemed to take form and shape out of the dust?

More than that, are not we ourselves responsible for some of the imaginary creations that obscure the beautiful reality of Christmas?

There is the story of Santa Claus, kindly intentioned but nevertheless a myth. And a continual feeding of the child's excitement by references to what he may get. Always what he is likely to receive; rarely what he ought to give. The child, wearied by all the unaccustomed excitement and the adjustment to so many new things, or sensing the emptiness of the giftless days to follow Christmas, has his first taste of disappointment.

Then suddnely he slips over the line. He is no longer a child to take such pleasure in receiving. He must learn to rejoice in giving. And to find gratification in giving whether or not he has a keen personal interest in the recipient. Because until he has done that every broken family tie, every disappointment in human relationship will recur in memory at Christmas time to make it a season of poignant regret.

Or suppose he has the loved one and wants to give, oh, so much more than his pocketbook will afford. He measures his ability to be generous in dollars, whereas there are a hundred things any of us would prefer to the most expensive jewel: the promise of a hundred smiles throughout the year to come, the pledge from a chronic worrier to stop fretting, the assurance from a secretive person that he will share the troubles that otherwise might lead to baffling, tormenting behavior.

But, you say, these are not gifts for Christmas. No, they cannot be wrapped in gay paper and tied with tinsel cord, but they will outlast any material human hands can create and occasion deeper joy than the most precious article that ever was displayed in shop window.

Of course they cannot be conferred with one grand gesture on Christmas Day. They must be delivered on appropriate occasions during the year. But might not that be an excellent way of easing up on the intensity of this one great fling of giving which so often engulfs us?

A good citizen of the United States does not think that to listen to the reading of the Declaration of Indepennece once a year or to participate in the gayest kind of July Fourth picnic satisfies his obligations to his country.

Christmas, too, is an anniversary of a past happening which actuates human motives, words, and deeds today. It celebrates the coming of a Babe in a manger, who lived in the humble surroundings of a carpenter shop, and in a few brief years established a ministry of love and healing which is the hope of thousands today.

But that hope is not born in human hearts only upon Christmas Day. Perhaps less then than at other times. It comes in hours of pain or trouble. It comes in moments of uplifted thinking. It comes whenever we will have it. Why not then begin to think of Christmas being every day, not just once a year?

So many legends have sprung up around the day that it is sometimes difficult to separate fact from fancy. There is the story, for instance, of the humble woodcutter who had cut green branches for his hovel but had nothing with which to beautify those branches for his children's joy. Then in the snow he found a child shivering in his rags, hungry for want of food. The woodcutter brought the child to the warmth of his fire and gave him his own supper. By morning the child had vanished, but there on the boughs was a web of light, just such a blaze of gold and silver as many happy fingers will be tracing over thousands of trees on Christmas Eve this year.

But the woodcutter received because he gave, not in exchange for a gift expected in return, but to a helpless child whose need made him indeed one of those "little ones" to serve whom is to serve the Father of all.

There is one symbol which we know relates directly to that first Christmas. The gifts which we stuff into stockings, or pile under trees, or send through the mails, are carry ourselves to our friends are the sign of those other presents of gold and frankincense and myrrh which the wise men of the East laid beneath the star at the feet of the Babe in the manger. But they were "wise" men. They did not give to each other, but to one they hailed as "Master".

What a Christmas this would be for the whole world if every one of us would wrap up that secret worry, that canker of resentment, that bit of black depression, that impatience, malice, or hatred which we have carried around, willingly or unwillingly, with us for so long! And, having wrapped it up, that we should place it at the feet of the Christ Child and go away and leave it there to be transformed into a priceless offering of self-sacrifice and self-abnegation.

And if in that same secret altar place of our hearts we should lay down the bits of patience, kindness, and gentleness we should like to pass on to others all this year that they to may be magnified and glorified by contact with our highest sense of good.

To do this would be a celebration worthy of the One whose anniversary day it is. To do this would bring to ourselves joy and satisfaction and peace. For Christmas is to each of us just what we make it.—Pictorial Review.

74 YEARS AGO

It is a gloomy moment in history. Not for many years—not in the lifetime of most men who read this paper—has there been so much grave and deep apprehension; never has the future seemed so incalculable as at this time. In our own country there is universal commercial prostration and panic, and thousands of our poorest fellowcitizens are turned out against the approaching winter without employment, and without the prospect of it.

In France the political caldron seethes and bubbles with uncertainty; Russia hangs as usual, like a cloud, dark and silent upon the horizon of Europe; while all the energies, resources and influences of the British empire are sorely tried, and are yet to be tried more sorely, in coping with the vast and deadly Indian insurrection, and with its disturbed relations in China.

It is a solemn moment, and no man can feel an indifference (which, happily, no man pretends to feel) in the issue of events.

Of our own troubles no man can see the end. They are, fortunatley, as yet mainly commercial; and if we are only to lose money, and by painful poverty to be taught wisdom—the wisdom of honor, of faith, of sympathy and of charity—no man need seriously to despair. And yet the very haste to be rich, which is the occasion of this wide-spread calamity has also tended to destroy the moral forces with which we are to resist and subdue the calamity.—Harper's Weekly of October 10, 1857.

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GETTING BUSINESS GLOOM BEHIND US

By ROME C. STEPHENSON
President American Bankers Association

THERE is such a thing as over-staying a depression just as there is of over-staying a boom. Over-confidence makes the great majority miss the turn in a boom, and under-confidence makes them miss it in a depression. A leading New York banker was asked recently when he could tell that a turn for the better had come. "About three months after it has happened," he candidly replied.



R. C. STEPHENSON

There is more significance in that remark than appears on the surface. As more and more manufacturers and business men realize that the turn has already come and that they are over-staying the time to adopt constructive policies, they begin cautiously to press their selling campaigns, to speed up their production, to enlarge their working forces and increase their commitments for supplies. It is the gathering weight of their influences that finally raises the pressure of confidence to the dynamic power of recovery.

The surest way to bring the nation out of the business depression is to raise the pressure of public confidence to the point of becoming such a dynamic force. It has invariably been the push of that force which has started recovery in the past, and it is the gathering power of this force which will start recovery from this present depression.

It is a favorable sign of the times that there seems to be general agreement that the bottom of the depression has been reached and all eyes are peeled and looking ahead for the first indications that the turn for the better is in sight. Who knows but what the first thing we know we will find ourselves looking backward instead of forward as we realize that the turn has already come. It is a rough and rocky road that runs across the bottom of the valley of business depression, and most of us are too busy steering the old Ford from bump to bump to be able to take in all the scenery. So who knows but what some important changes in the landscape are already taking place.

BANKERS FAVOR GRADUAL CHANGE

National Commission Believes Local Sentiment Should Govern Evolution in Methods of Conducting Banking.

IF substantial changes are to be brought about in branch banking in the United States they should originate within the states rather than from Washington on inter-state lines as proposed in "trade area" branch banking plans, a recent report of the Economic Policy Commission of the American Bankers Association declares. Such changes, it adds, "should develop by evolutionary rather than revolutionary stages."

"The extension of branch banking through state action would mean that states not now permitting state banks to have branches or else closely restricting them, would individually liberalize their laws as an expression of changing local desires and conditions, and this doubtless would insure a deliberate, evolutionary process," the report says. "The other method, that is, through Federal action, would mean a sweeping change for the country as a whole, for legislation granting branch banking powers to national banks in all states, regardless of local sentiment, would, of course, induce equivalent branch banking enactments in every state in the Union not now permitting or really wanting state banks to have branches, in order to keep them on a competitive equality.

Upholds State Privileges

"We find some bankers who feel that a proper stimulus to the development of branch banking would be given by the Federal Government taking the initiative through granting broader privileges within state lines to national banks than they now enjoy. It is argued that state governments could then follow suit as to state banks and that in this way a more progressive branch banking attitude might be promoted by the national banks taking the lead. While we do not deny that there may be some merit in this view as to some specific localities, we stand firm nevertheless on the principle that no such grant of powers to national banks should cross state lines, or exceed the privileges that state legislatures could and would grant to their state banks.

"Moreover we believe that if the choice between these two possible courses of extending branch banking were put up to bankers they would be generally opposed to any forcible imposition of branch banking on the states through the medium of the national bank system. We believe it would be preferable for any change to come about through the more gradual and democratic method of the states granting their banks branch banking powers state by state where, if, and as local conditions and sentiment might be ready for a change."

BANKERS DEVELOP NEW FINANCE AID

President of American Bankers Association Describes Plan and Services of National Credit Corporation

NEW YORK.—The National Credit Corporation, a billion dollar cooperative institution, is the method worked out by bankers to put into practical effect the central point in President Hoover's plan for renewing the commercial and industrial activity of the nation as proposed in his statement to the nation of October 7, Harry J. Haas, president of the American Bankers Association stated in a recent interview.

The corporation is strictly cooperative in character, he said, to unite the entire banking system and increase the effectiveness of the financial services of banks to their communities in rural districts as well as the cities. The plan will marshal the banking resources of the country, he explained, by creating a national institution whose funds will be loaned when necessary to banks which have assets in their portfolios that are thoroughly sound but are not eligible for loans at federal reserve banks.

To Benefit Everybody

"There is no citizen in the United States but will benefit in very practical ways from the results of the operation of this forward-looking plan of cooperation, which may be regarded as one of the most constructive steps that have been taken toward revival of sound business activity," Mr. Haas declared, adding:

"The National Credit Corporation represents an instrumentality that should have far-reaching effect in restoring the confidence of the public. The plan not only has been formulated by the country's leading banking authorities, but also will be carried out locally as well as nationally by banking representatives who have given their time and thought to this undertaking as a real public service.

"The American Bankers Association convention was in session at the time the plan was proposed and unanimously endorsed it in principle. I have examined the detailed formulation of the working plans as developed by the incessant labors of some of the Nation's leading bankers who have undertaken to put it into practical operation in single-minded devotion to the national welfare, and I am able to say without reservation that the National Credit Corporation as set up by them constitutes a practical, sound and efficient means for carrying out President Hoover's proposal."

HARD TIMES RENEW BANKER'S OPTIMISM

Former Bankers' Chief Finds Much in Past Year to Inspire Confidence in Financial Reliability

ROME C. STEPHENSON, retiring president of the American Bankers Association, declared in an address on the expiration of his term of office that, in travelling about among the banks from one end of the country to the other during the past year, he had "come out of it with a renewed faith in the strength of our banking structure and our banking situation, and a renewed faith particularly in the spirit and courage of the men in the banks that have enabled them to rise unconquered over difficulties such as men never had to face before, or to accept with fortitude misfortunes that were beyond human power to prevent."

When he reflected, he said, that the "entire human economic structure has been brought to the verge of ruin under the difficulties that have swept over not only the nation but the entire world, and that the results of events of this kind react with particular directness upon the stability of our banks, and yet how few have succumbed, we may well renew our confidence in the banks of America; when we think also of how many of our bankers have stood up under the stress and storms of these times and how relatively few of them have been proved wanting in the series of crises that have assailed them, we may well feel a sincere pride in our fellow bankers." He added:

"So I come out of this year of somber experiences not as a pessimist, but as an optimist—as one with a renewed faith and confidence in the spirit of his fellow men under overwhelming difficulties. And particularly do I come out of this year as a banker who is proud of his fellow bankers for the undaunted way in which they have met their part of the great test through which the times have put the nation. I believe that this year has brought new honor to our banking traditions and our banking profession and has won for the banker new title to the faith and trust of all classes of his fellow citizens."

Wise Spending

Careful and wise spending will help solve our economic problems and will be of untold benefit to the farmer. Our troubles are not caused by the spending of money, but because it was spent unwisely.

SUCCESSOR TRUSTEES' SALE

WHEREAS, A. J. Matthews & Company, Incorporated, a corporation of the State of Missouri, by its certain First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust, dated as of February 1, 1923, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for Scott County, Missouri, in Book 46 at Pages 390 to 439 inclusive, and by its Supplemental Indentures, dated, and recorded at the said Recorder's Office, as follows:

Supplemental Indenture dated December 18, 1925, recorded in Book 52 at Pages 641 and 642

Supplemental Indenture dated January 7, 1928, recorded in Book 57 at Pages 246 and 247

Supplemental Indenture dated January 28, 1928, recorded in Book 57 at Pages 247 and 248

Supplemental Indenture dated April 25, 1928, recorded in Book 57 at Pages 291 and 292

Supplemental Indenture dated July 11, 1928, recorded in Book 57 at Pages 360 and 361

Supplemental Indenture dated September 18, 1928, recorded in Book 57 at Pages 424 to 426

Supplemental Indenture dated October 1, 1931, recorded in Book 61 at Pages 288 and 289

conveyed to the Liberty Central Trust Company of St. Louis, Missouri, a corporation of the State of Missouri, as Trustee, and / or W. C. Connett and L. E. Stern, Successor Trustees, to secure an issue of $1,700,000.00 of its First and Refunding Mortgage Six Per Cent Gold Bonds, the following described real estate sistuated in the County of Scott, and State of Missouri:

TRACT NO. 3

Thirty-two acres off the south side of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section Twenty-nine; also all that part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section Twenty-eight, and of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section Thirty-three, which lies southwesterly of the right-of-way of the St. Louis Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad Company, containing 38.65 acres, more or less: all in Township Twenty-eight, Range Thirteen East.

TRACT NO. 4

The South One-half of the Northwest Quarter and all of the Southwest Quarter, and all that part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter lying South and West of the Iron Mountain Rairoad right-of-way, all in Section Twenty-nine; also the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and the East One-half of the Southeast quarter of Section Thirty; also the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section Thirty-one, and the North One-half of the North One-half of Section Thirty-two, excepting therefrom the right-of-way of the Frisco Railroad as now located over and across the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section Twenty-nine and said land in Section Thirty and the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section Thirty-two: all in Township Twenty-eight North, Range Thirteen East, and containing 557.46 acres, more or less.

TRACT NO. 5

The Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and all that part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and the West One-half of the Southwest Quarter lying North and East of the St. Louis Iron Mountain & Southern Railroad right-of-way: all in Section Twenty, Township Twenty-eight North, Range Thirteen East, and containing 95 acres, more or less. Also that part of the Southeast Quarter of Northeast Quarter of Section Nineteen lying north and east of St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Railroad right of way, in Township Twenty-eight North, Range Thirteen East.

TRACT NO. 6

The undivided two-thirds interest in all of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section Twenty, Township Twenty-eight North, Range Thirteen East, except two acres in a square in the southeast corner of said Southeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter.

TRACT NO. 8

The East One-half of the Northeast Quarter and the East One-half of the West One-half of the Northeast Quarter of Section Fifteen: all in Township Twenty-eight North, Range Twelve East, except a strip of even width containing 7.3 acres off the East side of said East One-half of Northeast Quarter.

TRACT NO. 9

The Southwest Quarter of Section Eight; all in Township Twenty-eight North, Range Twelve East, except ditch right of way.

TRACT NO. 10

All of Section Twenty-seven except the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; all in Township Twenty-nine North, Range Twelve East, and except about four acres which lie North and East of the Missouri Pacific Railroad right of way in the Northeast Quarter of Northeast Quarter of said Section.

TRACT NO. 11

The West One-half of the West One-half of Section Thirty-two, Township Twenty-nine North, Range Twelve East.

TRACT NO. 12

The East One-half of the Northeast Quarter of Section Thirty-two, Township Twenty-nine North, Range Twelve East.

TRACT NO. 13

The North One-half of the Northwest Quarter of Section Thirty-three, Township Twenty-nine North, Range Twelve East.

TRACT NO. 14

The North One-half of the Northeast Quarter of Section Thirty-three, Township Twenty-nine North, Range Twelve East.

TRACT NO. 15

The South One-half of the North One-half of Section Thirty-three, Township Twenty-nine North, Range Twelve East.

TRACT NO. 16

The South One-half of Section Thirty-three except about seven acres in southeast corner being used by the Little River Drainage District; all in Township Twenty-nine North, Range Twelve East.

TRACT NO. 18

All that part of the West One-half of the Northwest Quarter and of the North One-half of the Southwest Quarter of Section Twenty-six lying West of the St. Louis Iron Mountain & Southern Railroad Company right-of-way; all in Township Twenty-nine North, Range Twelve East.

TRACT NO. 20

The Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section Thirteen, Township Twenty-nine North, Range Twelve East.

TRACT NO. 21

The West half of the Northwest Quarter in Section twenty-eight (28), the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter in Section Twenty-nine (29), and the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter in Section twenty (20), all in Township twenty-eight (28) North, Range thirteen (13) East.

TRACT NO. 22

The Northwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter of Section Twenty-one, Township Twenty-eight North, Range Twelve East.

TRACT NO. 94

That part of the Southeast Quarter of Section Eleven and of the Northeast Quarter of Section Fourteen which lies East of the Ditch; the West One-half of the Southwest Quarter of Section Twelve; the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section Thirteen, and that part of the Southwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter and of the Northwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter of Section Thirteen which lies East of the Ditch; the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section Thirteen; all that part of the East One-half of Northwest Quarter of Section Thirteen which lies South of center of Drainage Ditch, described as beginning at a point in center of ditch, which point is also in the East line of said East One-half of Northwest Quarter and distant 20.40 chains south from the Northeast corner of said East One-half of Northwest Quarter, thence so, 89 degrees 30' West with center of ditch 18.32 chains to a point, thence North 86 degrees 30' West 1.43 chains with center of ditch to intersection of 1-16 section line dividing Northwest Quarter of Section Thirteen North and South, thence South on said 1-16 section line to the Southwest corner of said East One-half of Northwest Quarter, thence East with the South line of said East One-half of Northwest Quarter to the Southeast corner thereof, thence North with the East line of said East One-half of Northwest Quarter to the point of beginning; also all that part of the West One-half of Northeast Quarter of Section Thirteen which lies South and East of center of drainage ditch, described as beginning at a point in center of drainage ditch 9.04 chains South from East 1-16 corner between Sections Twelve and Thirteen on 1-16 section line dividing the Northeast Quarter of Section Thirteen North and South, thence South 49 degrees 50' West in center of ditch 2.86 chains to a point, thence South 59 degrees West 4.10 chains with center of ditch to a point, thence South 48 degrees 30' West 9.60 chains with center of ditch to a point, thence South 70 degrees West 4 chains with center of ditch to a point, thence South 89 degrees 30' West 2.81 chains with center of ditch to the intersection of the ¼ section line dividing Section Thirteen North and South, thence South on said ¼ section line to the center of Section Thirteen, thence East on the South line of said West One-half of Northeast Quarter of Section Thirteen to the Southeast corner thereof, thence North on the East line of said West One-half of Northeast Quarter to the point of beginning, excepting, however, so much of said West One-half of Northeast Quarter of Section Thirteen as lies East of the center of Lateral No. Two of Drainage District No. Twelve; all in Township Twenty-eight North, Range Twelve East. Also the West One-half of Northeast Quarter and Northeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter and Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter and West One-half of Southwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Section Seven; and all that part of the Southwest Quarter of Section Seven described as beginning at a point 20.39 chains south of the center of Section Seven, which point is also the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter of said Section Seven, thence West on the 1-16 section line dividing the Southwest Quarter of said Section Seven thru the center East and West, at 20.39 chains to the 1-16 in center of said Southwest Quarter, and pump pipe 1½"x40" set at this corner, thence South 73¾ degrees West 4.78 chains thru concrete road culvert to a point on the West side of water flow opening of said concrete culvert in center of Rocky Branch and on West boundary line of the Oran and Chaffee public road, thence from said point South 7 degrees West on the West line of County Road .12 chains to a pump pipe 1½"x30" long at 4.59 chains to Sycamore 6" in diameter, thence South 22 degrees East 7.16 chains to line in center of private road on West side of County Road and set a pump pipe 1½" in diameter at this point, thence South 68 degrees West with center of private road 5.21 chains to the East line of Missouri Pacific Railroad right-of-way and pump pipe 1½" in diameter at this point, thence Southeast with East line of said Railway right-of-way to the South line of said Section Seven, thence East with the South line of said Section Seven to the Southeast corner of said Southwest Quarter of Section Seven, thence North with the East line of said Southwest Quarter of Section Seven to the point of beginning; also the North One-half of the Northwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter of Section Eighteen, and that part of the North One-half of Northeast Quarter of Southwest quarter of Section Eighteen which lies North of A. J. Matthews 1st and 2nd Additions to the Town of Oran, and lies West of the Frisco Railroad right-of-way; all of said land in Sections Seven and Eighteen, being in Township Twenty-eight North, Range Thirteen East. Also one acre, more or less, being that part of Northwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter of Section Eighteen, Township 28 North, Range 13 East, lying east of Frisco Railroad right of way.

TRACT NO. 95

The Northeast Quarter of Section Eight, and the Northwest Quarter of Section Twenty, in Township Twenty-nine North, Range Thirteen East.

TRACT NO. 96

The West One-half of Southeast Quarter of Section Twenty-one, in Township Twenty-eight North, Range Thirteen East.

TRACT NO. 102

The Northeast Quarter and the East One-half of Northwest Quarter of Section Eighteen, in Township Twenty-eight North, Range Twelve East.

TRACT NO. 103

All that part of the South One-half of Section Thirty-two which lies South and West of St. John's Drainage Ditch; in Township Twenty-seven North, Range Fourteen East; also the North 13 acres, more or less, of the Northwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter of Section Five, in Township Twenty-six North, Range Fourteen East.

TRACT NO. 103-A

All that part of Section Sixteen which lies West of St. John's Drainage Ditch, and all that part of the East One-half of Section Seventeen which lies West of said Ditch; also the East One-half of Southwest Quarter and the East 30.61 acres of the West One-half of Southwest Quarter of Section Seventeen; all in Township Twenty-six North, Range Fourteen East.

Subject to public road, railroad and ditch rights of way or easements, if any existing or of record, as to all of the lands above described.

Lots 5, 6 and 7, Block 1; Lot 13 Block 2; Lots 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 Block 3; Lots 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6, Block 5 and Lot 1 in Block 7, all in Matthews Second Addition; Also Lots 1 and 2, Block 6 in C. & A. J. Matthews Addition. All of the above decribed property being in the town of Vanduser.

Lots 2 and 3, Block Eleven, C. & A. J. Matthews Second Addition, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, Block one, C. & A. J. Matthews Third Addition, Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, Block Two C. & A. J. Matthews Third Addition, Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, Bock Three, C. & A. J. Matthews Third Addition. All of the above described property being in the Town of Oran.

The South Twenty-three (23) feet of Lot 10, and all of Lots 11 and 12 in Block 24.

Lots 1, 11, 12, 13 and 14 Block 4.

All of the above property being in the original Town of Oran.

which conveyance was made to the said Liberty Central Trust Company in trust to secure payment of principal and interest of the bonds and other obligations in said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust specified; and

WHEREAS, by Supplemental Indenture, dated March 18, 1929, recorded in Book 60 at Pages 75 to 79 of the Deed of Trust Records in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for Scott County and State of Missouri, said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust was amended and modified to provide for appointment of one or more individuals as Trustees thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Liberty Central Trust Company, Trustee under said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust, did, by instrument in writing, dated March 20, 1929, recorded in Book 102 at Pages 186 to 187 of the Deed Records in the Recorders Office of Scott County, Missouri, resign as Trustee under said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust; and

WHEREAS, by instrument in writing, dated May 11, 1929, recorded in Book 102 at Pages 187 to 189 of the Deed Records in the Recorder's Office of Scott County, Missouri, the holders of the majority of outstanding bonds secured by said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust appointed W. C. Connett and L. E. Stern as Successor Trustees under said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust; and

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of the interest on the said bonds secured by said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust, and such default has continued for a period of more than sixty (60) days, and the said Successor Trustees, upon the written request of the holders of more than twenty-five per cent (25%) in amount of the bonds now outstanding, have declared the principal of all said outstanding bonds secured by said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust to be due and payable, and the said interest and principal, in the amount of $1,703,800.00, are now past due and remain unpaid; and

WHERAS, the Trustees and / or the holders of bonds under said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust have advanced money for the payment of taxes and other purposes provided for in said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust, which advancements are also unpaid;

NOW, THEREFORE, at the request of the legal holders of more than twenty-five per cent (25%) in amount of the bonds issued and outstanding secured by said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust, the undersigned Successor Trustees will sell the property hereinabove described at public venude to the highest bidder for cash at the east front door of the Courthouse in the town of Benton, County of Scott, and State of Missouri on Monday, January 4, 1932, between the hours of nine o'clock A. M. and five o'clock P. M., for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness and the cost of executing this trust.

At said sale the undersigned will offer said real estate as a whole and in suitable parcels.

W. C. CONNETT
L. E. STERN
Successor Trustees.

SUCCESSOR TRUSTEES' SALE

WHEREAS, A. J. Matthews & Company, Incorporated, a corporation of the State of Missouri, by its certain First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust, dated as of February 1, 1923, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for Scott County, Missouri, in Book 46 at Pages 390 to 439 inclusive, conveyed to the Liberty Central Trust Company of St. Louis, Missouri, a corporation of the State of Missouri, as Trustee, certain real estate situated in the County of Scott and State of Missouri, which conveyance was made to the said Liberty Central Trust Company in trust to secure payment of principal and interest of the bonds and other obligations in said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust specified; and

WHEREAS, said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust provided among other things that all moneys and / or considerations received by the Trustee for the releases of property described therein from the lien thereof should be paid into a Sinking Fund; and

WHEREAS, by Supplemental Indenture, dated March 18, 1929, recorded in Book 60 at Pages 75 to 79 of the Deed of Trust Records in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for Scott County, State of Missouri, said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust was amended and modified to provide for appointment of one or more individuals as Trustees thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Liberty Central Trust Company, Trustee under said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust, did by instrument in writing, dated March 20, 1929, recorded in Book 102 at Pages 186 to 187 of the Deed Records in the Recorder's Office of Scott County, Missouri, resign at Trustee under said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust; and

WHEREAS, by instrument in writing, dated May 11, 1929, recorded in Book 102 at Pages 187 to 189 of the Deed Records in the Recorder's Office of Scott County, Missouri, the holders of the majority of outstanding bonds secured by said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust appointed W. C. Connett and L. E. Stern as Successor Trustees under said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust; and

WHEREAS, W. C. Connett and L. E. Stern, Successor Trustees under said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust, now hold as a part of the Sinking Fund, provided for therein, the following described real estate situated in the County of Scott and State of Missouri:

All that part of the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section Nineteen, which lies west of the right of way of the St Louis Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad Company, containing twenty-eight acres, more or less; the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter and the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section Nineteen except the right of way of the Frisco Railroad Company; that part of the West half of Section Twenty, which lies west of the right of way of the St Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad Company; all that part of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section Twenty-nine, which lies west of the right of way of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad Company, containing twenty-five acres, more or less; the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section Thirty, except the right of way of the Frisco Railroad Company; all in Township Twenty-eight North, Range Thirteen East.

The Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section Twenty-Nine, Township Twenty-eight North, Range Thirteen East.

The West half of the Northeast quarter; the Northwest quarter and the South half of section Ten in Township Twenty-eight North, Range Twelve East.

The South half of the Northeast quarter of Section Thirty-four. The South half of the Northwest quarter of Section Thirty-five and that part of the Southwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section Thirty-five which lies South and West of the right of way of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad Company, and 17.67 acres off of the North side of that part of the Southeast quarter of Section 35 which lies South and West of the right of way of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad Company, Township 29 North Range 12 East.

All that part of the North half of the Northeast quarter and that part of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section Thirty-five lying North and East of the right of way of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad Company, also the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 36; all in Township Twenty-nine North, Range Twelve East.

The North half of the Northwest quarter and the South half of the Southwest quarter of Section Thirty-four, Township Twenty-nine North, Range Twelve East.

The South half of the Southeast quarter; the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter, and that part of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter, which lies East of St. Johns Drainage Ditch and South of the Latteral Dredge Ditch, all in Section Nine; All of Sections Sixteen and Seventeen which lies East of St. Johns Drainage Ditch, except three acres in the Southeast corner of Section Sixteen, used for Church, School and Mill; also all that part of the Northeast quarter of Section Twenty-one which lies North of the right of way of the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company, all in Township Twenty-six North, Range Fourteen East.

Subject to a certain uncompleted earnest money contract, dated April 29, 1931, executed by one William Duba, covering the North half of the Northeast quarter of Section Twenty-one lying North of the Missouri Pacific Railroad and the South half of Section Sixteen lying East of St. John's Drainage Ditch except two acres in the Northeast corner of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter and about four acres in the Southeast corner of the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section Sixteen, all in Township Twenty-six, Range Fourteen, containing 342.98 acres more or less.

And said W. C. Connett and L. E. Stern, successor trustees, also hold as a part of said sinking fund the following described notes and deeds of trust:

Nine notes of Paul P. Halter and Clara Alvina Halter for $409.00 each, all dated March 10, 1926, due respectively, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine and ten years after date thereof, all of said notes payable to the order of A. J. Matthews and Company, Inc., and all bearing interest from date to maturity at the rate of six per cent per annum, payable annually and at the rate of eight per cent per annum after maturity until paid, on which nine notes there is an unpaid balance of $3581.00 together with interest, and said nine notes are secured by a deed of trust on 91 and 1-100 acres out of Section seven, Township twenty-eigth North, Range thirteen east and Section twelve, Township twenty-eight north, Range twelve east. For a detailed description of which 91 and 1-100 acres refer here to the record of said deed of trust in Book 55 at Page 154 to 157 inclusive of the deed of trust records in the Recorder's Office of Scott County, Missouri. Said deed of trust is second and inferior to the lien of the first deed of trust originally for $1500.00 and interest in favor of the Kansas City Joint Stock Land Bank or assigns.

Also five notes executed by Martin T. Menz to the order of A. J. Matthews and Company, Inc., all dated November 14, 1931, payable at the First National Bank in St. Louis, Missouri. Four of which notes are for the principal sum of $300.00 each due respectively on or before December 1, 1932, December 1, 1933, December 1, 1934 and December 1, 1935 and the fifth note being for the principal sum of $800.00 due on or before December 1, 1936, all said notes bearing interest from date until maturity at the rate of six per cent per annum, payable annually and after maturity at the rate of eight per cent per annum, which five notes are secured by a deed of trust recorded in Book 61 at Page 263 to 265 in the deed records at the office of the Recorder of Scott County, Missouri, which deed of trust was given as a first lien on all that part of the North half of the Northwest quarter and that part of the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section Thirty-five living North of Caney Basin Ditch and West of the Missouri Pacific Railroad and Public Road in Township Twenty-nine Range Twelve containing 76 acres more or less. Scott County, Missouri

Said five notes of Martin T. Menz represent part purchase money of the land last above described and together represent an unpaid balance of $2000.00 principal.

Also five notes of Frederick K. Seeman and Katherina Seeman all dated September 23, 1931, payable to the order of A. J. Matthews and Company, Inc., at the First National Bank in St. Louis, Missouri. Four of said notes being for the principal sum of $200.00 each, due respectively on or before January 1, 1933, January 1, 1934, January 1, 1935, January 1, 1936 and the fifth being for the principal sum of $1000.00 due on or before January 1, 1937, all of said notes bearing interest from January 1, 1932 until paid at the rate of six per cent per annum, payable annually. Said five notes represent a total of $1800.00 unpaid balance, and are secured by part purchase money deed of trust, recorded in Book 61 at Page 281 to 283 of the deed records in the Office of the Recorder of Scott County, Missouri which deed of trust was given as a first lien on the North half of the Northeast quarter of Section thirty-four, Township twenty-nine North, Range Twelve east containing eighty acres more or less. Scott County, Missouri

Also two notes of Frank Amhrein to the order of A. J. Matthews and Company, Inc., both dated December 2, 1931, one note being for $640.00 due on or before August 15, 1932 and the other for the principal sum of $800.00 due on or before December 15, 1932, both notes being payable at the First National Bank in St. Louis, Missouri and both bearing interest at the rate of six per cent per annum from maturity. Said two notes representing an unpaid balance of $1440.00 and secured by part purchase money deed of trust covering the South half of the Northwest quarter and the North half of the Southwest quarter of Section Thirty-four, Township twenty-nine North, Range Twelve East, Scott County, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of the interest on the bonds secured by said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust, and such default has continued for a period of more than sixty days, and the said Successor Trustees, upon the written request of the holders of more than twenty-five per cent (25%) in amount of the bonds now outstanding, have declared the principal of all said outstanding bonds secured by said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust to be due and payable, and the said interest and principal are now past due and remain unpaid and said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust is being foreclosed; and

WHEREAS, the above described real estate, notes and deeds of trust cannot be distributed in kind among the holders of said bonds and a sale of same is necessary in order to make such distribution:

NOW, THEREFORE, at the request of the legal holders of more than twenty-five per cent (25%) in amount of the bonds issued and outstanding secured by said First and Refunding Mortgage and Deed of Trust, the undersigned Successor Trustees will sell the property and notes and Deeds of Trust hereinabove described at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash at the east front door of the Courthouse in the town of Benton, County of Scott, and State of Missouri on Monday, January 4, 1932, between the hours of nine o'clock A. M. and five o'clock P. M., for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness and the cost of executing this trust. At said sale the undersigned will offer said real estate as a whole and in suitable parcels and will offer said notes and deeds of trust as a whole and separately.

W. C. CONNETT
L. E. STERN
Successor Trustees.

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Dear Santa:

Last year I asked you for so many things and you brought me everything I asked for so this year I am only going to ask for one thing. I have tried so hard and have asked all my friends, but none of them seem to know just what I want, they just laugh at me. So please, Santa, just bring me one thing—and here is what it is: I want a dog.

GRANVILLE McCARY.

Matthews, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus:

We are two little girls who live on a farm and ride to school every day on the new school bus with lots and lots of other little kiddies. We are writing to you, Santa, for a few little presents. We want a story book, a dear little doll in a sulky buggy, a sewing machine so that we can sew for our dollies. Listen Santa, we would like to ask you if it would be alright for us to hunt up and polish up several of our "out-grown" toys and send them to some poor little children whom you may not find or get to see on Xmas eve? If we can't do this, will you please not forget them? And Santa, please don't forget Katherine Marie for she is so tiny that she can't write yet. Please try to bring her a rattler and a pair of bootees. We will close for this year with much love to you and hoping that you don't forget mother and daddy and grandma and oh, just everybody.

MARTHA ANN DEANE
FRANCOISE DEANE

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy 4 years old and I try to be godo. Santa, you were real nice to me last year, so I don't want to ask you to bring me too much. I would like to have a cowboy suit, baseball glove, football and anything else you want me to have. Please don't forget the other little boys and girls. Santa my tree lights will be burning in my window so you can see my tree.

LEONARD KINDRED

Dear Santa:

I am writing a few lines to let you know what I want for Christmas. I want a train, cards, top, ball, cars, and don't forget the other boys and girls.

JOSEPH MIEDERHOFF

Dear Santa Claus:

Will you please bring me a baby doll with rubber arms and a pacifier and dressed in blue, and a bed—not a doll bed but one for myself and a big red ball and a compact. Please don't forget Aunt Rene.

MADELONE SCHLLIAN

Dear Santa Claus:

I want to tell you what I want. I want you to bring me a fountain pen and pencil, a new coat and a story book. Don't forget the other little children.

RAYNETTE MOLL

Dear Santa Claus:

I am writing to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a writing desk, new dress and some nuts and candy. Don't forget the other little children.

VIOLET TAYLOR

Dear Santa:

I have been a good little boy this year and I live on love, so I want you to bring me a little brown-haired baby named Helen and also bring me a book on football and you can bring me some candy and some cigarettes and some new football plays for next year.

P S. Bring my country friend from Morley, Tharon Stallings, a new pair of white pants because he tore the pair he had during football season.

"SONNY" BILL MILLER

Dear Santa:

I wish you would bring me a fountain pen and an Eversharp pencil, a box of stationery, a ring, a necklace, a doll and a cradle. Don't forget the other little children.

ANITA BEAL

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy just 8 months old. I have big blue eyes, and blonde hair. Everybody says I am very sweet and mother says I'm a real good baby, so Santa, please bring me a bill ball, a doll and lots of candy and oranges. Santa dear, please don't forget my mother and my grandpa and grandma Stobaugh. They live at Matthews, and my grandma and grandpa Ramsey. Mother and I are living with them. Don't forget any of my relations, especially my aunt, Mrs. Bennie Moser. She keeps me when mother goes to town.

HAROLD RAYE STOBAUGH

Matthews, Mo.,

Dear Santa:

I'm just a little boy and haven't much to say, but I though I'd write and tell you what I want for Xmas. Now Santa, I don't want to be greedy, I just want a little airplane, a toy car, because I haven't the money to buy a large one, and I would love to have a little sand table to play in when it is too cold to play outside. Well, Santa, I guess that is all, besides a lot of fruit, candy and nuts. Please don't forget my little friend, Clara Belle Kanoy.

PATTIE BLALOCK

Mathews, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy 9 years old and in the fourth grade. My teacher's name is Miss Glenda Waters. The name of my school is York. Santa, I want for Xmas a BB gun, a wagon, ball and a French harp. I have four sisters. I don't want you to forget especially, my baby sister, Bettie Jo. She is only 7 months old. Please bring her a doll and a rattler and also remember by mother and daddy to bring them something real nice.

EARL KEM

Why The Round Trip Ticket?

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a new football team for 1932 as the last one was not so hot. If you will forgive me for putting so many questions on my biology students, I would like a round trip ticket to Warrensburg, Mo.

P. S. If you will, please bring me some new biology questions as I have worn the old ones out.

"SONNY" BILL MILLER

Matthews, Mo.,

Dear Santa:

Now Santa, I have been a good boy. I want you to bring me a new $1.00 pipe, one with a key and lock on it so no one can swipe it. Bring me an alarm clock, a tankful of gas for my Pontiac and a good looking girl to ride in it with me. Now Santa, don't forget my cousin George, as he has been a good boy, too, and bring him a pipe just like the one you bring me and a book entitled "How To Make Love". Dear Santa, as I do not want to be selfish this is all I will ask for. And Santa, please remember all the other good boys and girls.

TOMMY MOORE

Bertrand, Mo.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl, my name is Rosie Lee Reed and I am 7 years old and in the third grade at school. I am ready for the 4th grade. Santa, please bring me a doll and a set of dishes. I have two little sisters, please bring each one of them a doll. Dear Santa, I am thanking you for the presents we received last Xmas and in advance for the presents just asked for.

ROSIE LEE REED

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy 6 years old and have been a good boy and go to school and help mother and dady work. I would like for Xmas, a dump truck, a gun and a harp and something to eat—candy, apples, oranges. Don't forget all the little boys and girls and don't forget mother and daddy.

J. R. CROCKER, Jr.

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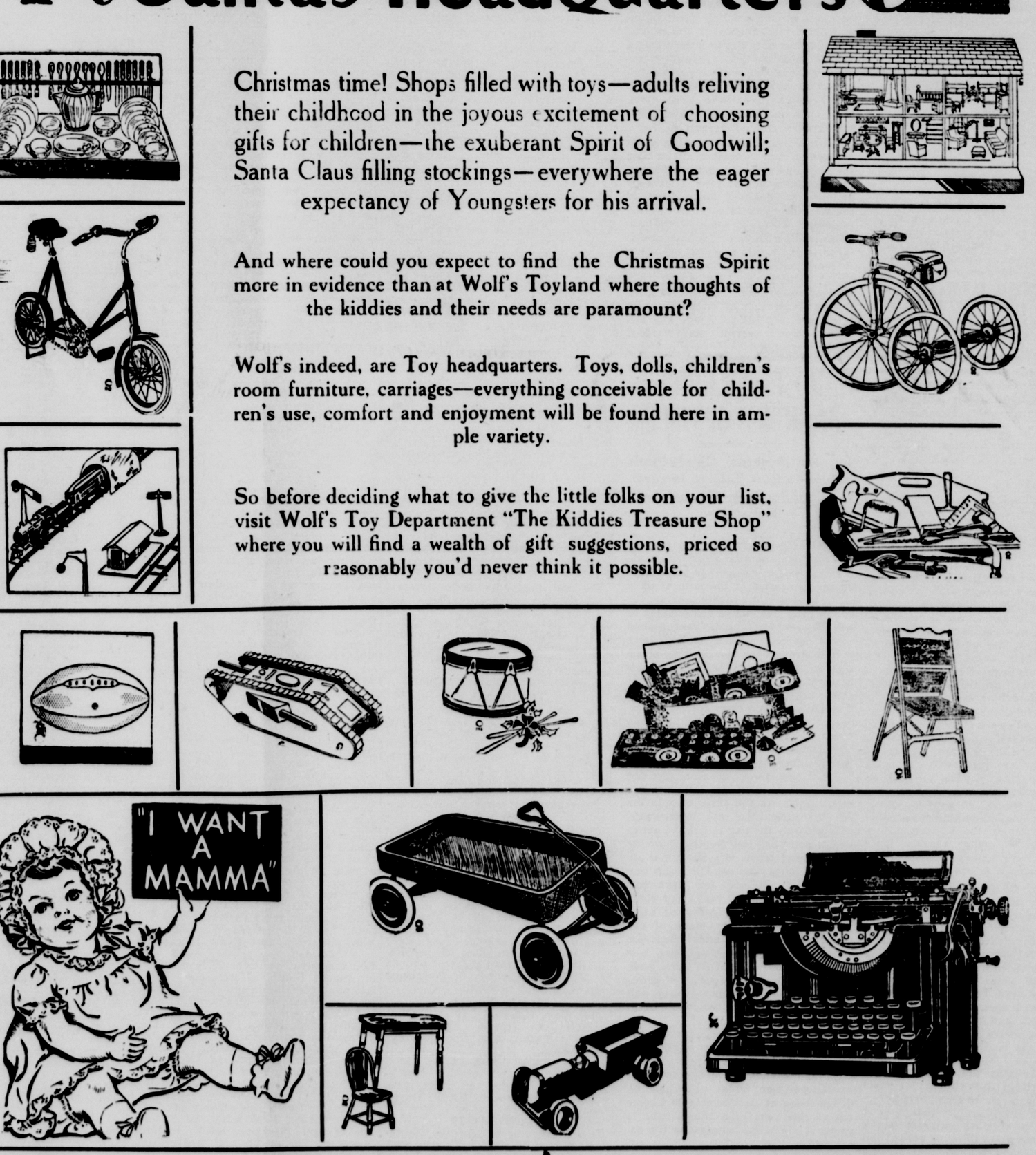
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Mister "X" Visits Sikeston

Rumors that "Mr. X" with Jouett Shouse, and Mr. Steele here Wednesday is none other than John J. Raskob, chairman of the Democratic National Committee. Their plane, Oklahoma Bound, stopped here for fuel enroute from Birmingham, Alabama.

Largest Number of Scout Honors In History of Semo Scouting Awarded At Court of Honor Here Tuesday

Last Monday there were only 86 second class Scouts in the Southeast Missouri Area Council. Tuesday night the number was increased by 42—the largest single number of candidates ever to appear at one time for their awards during the history of Scouting in this district. Parents and friends of Scouting from Poplar Bluff, Blodgett, Benton, Morehouse, Sikeston, Diehlstadt and other communities attended and gave their moral support to the boys participating in the program. It was an audience which filled the large High School auditorium.

Ward Denman opened the meeting with the Scout bugle call "assembly". Following that the audience and attending Scouts joined in the Pledge of Allegiance led by Scout Jim Hart of Morehouse. Four youngsters from Troop 46 of Blodgett, and a very cute little Miss presented a song and tap dance number as the third item on the program. Then followed the presentation of individual and troop trophies won in the Cape Scout Round-up this fall.

Silver cups were presented Troops 41 of Sikeston, and Troop 49 of Morley for participation in the Round-up. To a Sikeston trooper, Billy Bob Donnell of Troop 42 went an individual honor, a trophy attesting his prowess as a "rooster fighter".

The two banner troops from Sikeston, numbers 41 and 42 were awarded ribbons and Scout badges for their excellent appearance in the parade at the Cape affair. The drum and bugle corps won one award, and the troops as a whole won another, so two separate awards were presented.

To one of the old standbys in the district, Troop 46 of Blodgett, and to an "infant" troop, No. 50 at Benton, went banners rating them as "Superior Troops in 1931".

Representatives of both organizations were in ful uniform, and presented a fine appearance. Scout officials from Benton and Blodgett also attended the meeting here.

Certificates or "diplomas" were awarded to two men, John Spence and Jesse Layton of Morehouse, who recently completed the training course in boy leadership.

Individual Awards

Second clas badges were awarded to the following Scouts:

Troop 41, Sikeston—Billy Van Horne, Leonard Colley, John F. Wood, Joe Dover, Merlin Taylor and Junior Barger.

Troop 42, Sikeston—Pat Wilbur, Charles Yanson, Franklin Struwe, Clay Mitchell, Clint H. Denman, Jr., John Bowman, Weldon Watson.

Troop 49, Morehouse—Jim Green, Jim Hart, Robert Zilmer, Ezra Barnes, Bobby Fisher, Elton Darnell, Jack Daugherty, Elbert Mocabee, Allen Mocabee, Robert Wright and Frank Parrish. There are just eleven Scouts in the Morehouse troop and all received second class badges.

Troop 72, Bloomfield—Norman Coburn, Neal Day, Victor Hodge, Wilbur Armes and Ben Whitaker. Bloomfield belongs to the Poplar Bluff district of the Southeast Missouri Boy Scout Area, but these boys were granted their awards here.

Troop 46, Blodgett—Cecil Williams and Chester Pearman.

Troop 50, Benton—Paul Scott, Billy Scott, Billy Rodgers, M. C. Porter, Jr., Frank Steck, Caldwell Bennett, Dick Haw, Robert Norrid, Raymond Diebold, Armen Scott and John. Smith.

First class badges were awarded Caldwell Bennett of Benton and Joe Matthews of Sikeston.

Star Scout badge was awarded Billy Smother of Troop 62, Poplar Bluff.

Life Scout badges were awarded John Wilson of Troop 42 and Jap Wilson of Troop 41, Sikeston.

Merit badges were awarded the following:

Joe Dover, Troop 41, Sikeston, for cycling and basketry.

Merlin Taylor, Troop 41, for cycling.

Charles Bennett, Troop 50, Benton, for first aid, reading, first aid to animals, scholarship.

E. R. Putnam, Troop 46, Blodgett, for swimming and animal industry.

Billy Smother, Troop 62, Poplar Bluff, for bugling and pathfinding.

Phillip Williams, Troop 46, Blodgett, for radio, personal health and public health.

Jap Wilson, Troop 41, for public health and personal health.

Billy Bob Donnell, Troop 42, for pioneering.

Norse Gods, Druid Priests, Mistletoe Enter Into the Spirit of Christmas

Christmas is the happiest day of the year in almost every nation in the world, pagan or Christian. No two nations observe Christmas alike, but one custom is universal with all. That is the sending of greetings, the evidence of love or friendship on that happy occasion.

The custom of sending Christmas greetings may be traced to ancient times. In Norse mythology Loki was jealous of Balder, god of the summer sun, who could be hurt by nothing on earth or under earth. Loki noted that the mistletoe grows above earth, on a tree, so he tipped a spear with mistletoe and guided the arm of Hoeder, the blind god, who threw the spear and killed Balder. When all things in earth and heaven wept for Balder, Freyja, goddess of love, restored Balder to life, so it was decreed that the mistletoe should be sacred to love as it was neither on earth nor under the earth.

The Druids in England sent their young men around with Yuletide greetings and branches of mistletoe. They regarded the mistletoe as sacred, and when it was found in an oak tree, they sacrificed white oxen. The Arch Druid cut it from its parent stem with a golden knife, taking care that it should by no means touch the ground. It was regarded as so sacred that if enemies met under it they laid down their arms and maintained a truce until the following day. Thence grew the practice of hanging mistletoe in a doorway, pledging peace and friendship to be sealed with a friendly greeting to whomever entered.

From its earliest days Christmas has progressed steadily as an occasion for greetings, until today the most universal evidence of the Yuletide spirit is the sending of greetings to friends and loved ones far and near. This is true south of the equator where Christmas is a mid-summer holiday and the Fernking is the mythical master, as it is with the Lapps, in whose long, cold winter night Christmas is the greatest occasion.

Kenzie Kennett Baker Would Locate Museum of Indian And Pioneer Relics In This City

A museum of Indian relics, interesting archeological finds, and remains of early pioneer civilization in Southeast Missouri would be located in Sikeston by Kinzie Kennett Baker, provided a suitable building or exhibit room can be procured.

Mr. Baker, who formerly lived near East Prairie, now lives at Miner, and claims Sikeston and vicinity as his home. He has wandered about thru this district for the past several years, and two years ago achieved State-wide notice by his work for the late E. C. Matthews,, when he uncovered a large number of Indian relics, pottery, arrow heads, and miscellaneous articles. Part of the collection is now on display in the High School building.

Baker has a rather extensive collection at Marston, and hundreds of articles at White's Drug Store here, most of which would be donated to the proposed museum. Arrangements would be made to gather together other interesting material, covering, according to Baker, three distinct periods of civilization in this territory.

In order to make the venture self-sustaining, Baker would as curator of the museum, charge a small admittance fee in order to pay rent, lights and nominal living expenses.

He points out that Sikeston is centrally located, and that hundreds of persons, transients and local persons, would view the collection after it was once established. At the present time several thousand pieces depicting former civilizations here repose in St. Louis, Chicago, Washington, Cape Girardeau and other collections, and these are, naturally, not available for local use and study. Baker has given considerable thought to the plan, and believes that in time a local museum could be made rather complete, covering all Southeast Missouri.

Baker would like to receive expressions of public sentiment regarding this project, either in care of this newspaper, or direct, care of White's Drug Store.

JUVENILE OFFENDER'S PAROLE IS REVOKED

Ruel Huey, convicted and sentenced many times in the Scott County Juvenile Court, made good his escape from officers Tuesday morning near Holcomb. The lad is out on parole which was recently revoked following a fight at the local grade school building, in which two other lads were considerably 'beaten up" Huey has been a constant source of trouble here and elsewhere, having been implicated in dozens of petty thefts and minor crimes.

Another Drop in the Bucket

Our paternalistic government is speaking now in terms of three-cent letter postage to make up the ever-mounting deficit. This direct form of tax comes at a very appropriate time. Says The Manufacturer (magazine) under the heading "Tax Rebellion Prospects":

Most of us have received various reports, speeches and what-not issued by the government. In newspaper and magazine offices they come in bales.

Last year the government printing office turned out four billion copies of such matter, at a cost of about $20,000,000. Sales to the public returned $215,743 of this. The rest was free issue at the expense of taxpayers.

Most of this matter, furthermore, is sent free through the mails, thus building up the postal deficit, and again taking money from the pocket of taxpayers. Some of these publications are, of course, valuable and constitute a legitimate function of government. But the bulk of them are either useless or consist of political utterances which serve only to glorify some "statesman" or bureau in the public eye. And we all pay for it.

Twenty million or so dollars is a comparatively small item in the cost of government. But the free-printed, post-free document "racket" is a good example of wastefulness and extravagance in the use of public funds.

The taxpayer is a patient, long-enduring creature, but cannot even his patience be strained to virtual rebellion? There are signs of it.

The Massachusetts Tax Association said recently: "Recognition must be given to the gradually awakening tax consciousness of the public, which more and more is causing the average citizen to realize that expenditures in government must be reduced or curtailed just as industry has been forced to deflate its costs in order to exist".

DEDICATE NEW GYMNASIUM AT PORTAGEVILLE DEC. 17

Dedication services were held on Thursday night, December 17, beginning at 7 o'clock at the new gymnasium, Portageville high school.

Following a program of music and talks, Portageville cagers met Hayti in a doubleheader.

The program follows:

Music by Hayti band.

Address—"Why We Build Gymnasiums"—Coach F. J. Courleux, Athletic Director State Teachers' College, Cape Girardeau.

Music—Hayti Band.

Address—"Why We Play Basketball"—Wid C. Matthews, Professional Basketball Referee, Caruthersville.

Remarks—Jasmyn Sanders, Director of Physical Education P. H. S. for Girls.

Remarks—C. W. Wallis, Director of Physical Education P. H. S. for Boys.

J. S. KEVIL ELECTED TO BOARD OF CORN GROWERS

Columbia, Mo., December 16.—Geo. Wilkerson of Hughesville was re-elected president of the Missouri Corn Growers' Association at the close of its two-day session.

Other officers include C. H. E. Walther, Boonville, vice president, and C. A. Helm, Columbia, secretary-treasurer. J. S. Kevil, Sikeston, and John O'Keefe, Carthage were named directors.

Monett—New Gillioz Theatre dedicated.

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Mrs. Maude Sitzes, Buck Sitze and Harry Pratt, Jr., drove to St. Louis last Thursday evening. They returned Sunday, accompanied by Mrs. Buck Sitzes and J. T. "Sonny" Stephens. Mrs. Buck Sitzes has been nursing her sister-in-law, Mrs. Stephens, who has been ill for the past three weeks.

SHOUSE STOPS FOR LUNCHEON HERE ON WAY TO ST. LOUIS

Jouett Shouse, chairman of the national executive committee of the Democratic party and two members of his party traveling by plane from Birmingham, Ala., to St. Louis, stopped at the Hotel Marshall Coffee Shop for luncheon Wednesday noon.

Mr. Shouse was scheduled to appear in Memphis, Tenn. that day, but was forced down at Ridgely, Tenn., on his way from Birmingham, and unexpected business developments made it imperative for him to go on to St. Louis immediately. The plane chartered from American Airways, was refueled with 165 gallons of gasoline at the local airport by Hubert Boyer and associates. A mechanic and pilot with the ship had a special lunch brought to them at the airport while they carefully inspected their ship.

SATURDAY STORM RAISES MERCURY

A storm area in Southeast Missouri, Arkansas and Louisiana raised the temperature on the local, government thermometer to 74 degrees last Saturday, but with the passing of the storm threat, the mercury dropped again into the respectable winter zone, around 50 degrees. One inch of rain accompanied the Saturday warm weather flurry here.

The weather chart:

DECEMBER	HI	LO	RAIN
8	50	37	.25
9	48	38	
10	55	44	
11	76	51	
12	74	43	1 in.
13	60	50	.20
14	54	33	
15	50	25	
16	50	31	
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WATER FAILS TO STOP THIS COTTON PICKER; HE'S USING A TUB

Lepanto, Ark., December 16.—When the rain covered lowlands on the G. E. Deyerle plantation, south of Lepanto, proved an obstacle to Frank Locke in trying to drag his cotton sack down the cotton rows, he was not dismayed.

He procured a wash tub, yanked the top cotton off of the stalks, tossed it into the tub and gave it a shove. His coworkers looked on in astonishment for a few minutes, then hastened for more wash tubs.

MOREHOUSE DEFEATS KEWANEE IN DEBATE

Morehouse debaters won the decision in a debate against Kewanee last Monday night, upholding the affirmative of the question: Resolved, that compulsory unemployment insurance be enacted.

Canalou debaters will visit Morehouse next Monday night at which time James Hart and Frank Villmer for Morehouse, will uphold the negative side of the same question.

THE METHODIST CHURCH

11:00—"The Prince of Peace"

7:30—"The First Christmas Hymn". Special Christmas music at both services.

9:45—Sunday school. Classes for all.

6:30—Epworth Leagues, with good programs.

Christmas Observance:

The Sunday school and church will observe Christmas Wednesday, December 23, 7:30 p. m. with a beautiful program by the children and young people, consisting of exercises by the various groups of the Children's Division. Readings and songs by the young people's division, consisting of numbers by the Girls' Glee Club and orchestra, and the Girls' Quartette. We are observing a "White Christmas". The auditorium will be beautifully decorated. Santa will be present with a treat for the kiddies.

A happy Christmas will be possible for worthy people.

The public is cordially invited to worship with us.

J. F. E. BATES, Pastor.

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Mrs. Alma Donaldson visited her sister, Mrs. Oscar Brummit, in East St. Louis, last week.

TO HOLD PROSPERITY DEBATE SATURDAY NITE IN FERTILE VALLEY

Fertile Valley, December 16.—The Black Cat debating society will meet at the home of Hoyt Holt's Saturday night. Subject: "Resolve that better times are coming". All are invited. Music by Scott County Watermelon Slicers.

Ollie Bradford has installed a new radio. An extraordinary nice Xmas gift from his daughter, Miss Mary Bradford of Cape Girardeau.

Burt Caneer and family were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Holt, Sunday evening.

Clyde Crawford has eighty mighty fine steers about ready for market.

Gene, the little son of Jim Malone, is sick. Here's hoping he will soon be back in school.

Orville and Albert Holt and Horace Byrd spent the day Saturday in Poplar Bluff.

We have just read a fine letter from our old friend, J. S. Higginbotham, of Hubbard, Oregon. He reports they are well and doing fine. He was living in Fertile Valley before he left for Oregon. We are not yet used to being without him. He was wondering what had become of the "Valley News". "Yep", The Standard goes on out over the great Rockies. We are hoping he will again soon be our neighbor.

Farmers in this section are about done gathering their crops. There is a big reduction in the wheat and rye crop this fall on account of the very dry weather in the early fall. But we are having plenty of rain at present.

We are glad to report that Mrs. J. V. Terrell is much improved from a long spell of sickness.

Wm. English was through Fertile Valley Tuesday on business.

Clyde Frey and family of Sikeston were pleasant visitors at his father's, George Frey, Sunday afternoon.

We hear Ray Walker is going to move to Bertrand and a Mr. Stanfield of near Diehlstadt is to move in his place.

Wishing The Standard and all its readers a Merry, Merry Xmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.

AS I SEE IT

By I'm About Town

Last Monday night we had occasion to jaywalk across the corner toward Galloway's, when a sudden blast cause me to jump the remaining six or two and one-half feet to the curb. We know it could not have come from a river tug, and we were positive that we had not imbibed any of that famous Morehouse "derail" liquid, so questioningly like we followed our nose for news, and found a long, shiny brass horn mounted on the side of one of those little machines which car washing stations claim they will "dunk" for two bits. Out of the baby tin mine stepped a 243-pound gentleman—a scale salesman, lady, that's how come we know his weight.

Farm item: Farmers hereabouts have almost completed gathering and bottling their 1931 corn crop.

BENTON-MOREHOUSE SPLIT DOUBLEHEADER

Morehouse and Benton, playing at Morehouse last Friday, December 11, split a doubleheader basketball game when the Benton boys rolled up a score of 23 to 13, and the Morehouse girls forged ahead 39 to 25. Williams for Morehouse, was high point scorer in the girls' game with 25 points, and Eachus for Benton, high point, with 17 markers.

The Morehouse Tigers claimed a doubleheader from Vanduser Tuesday night this week, the boys winning 20 to 13, and the girls 34 to 16. Williams, the same girl who last year won second place in the free throw contest at the Sikeston Girls T'ourney here, was high point scorer of the evening with 22 markers. The Phegley sisters, forwards for Vanduser, scored all 16 points for their team.

Morehouse meets Matthews Friday night and East Prairie next Tuesday in doubleheaders.

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Junior Early of Parma visited his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Manor, over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Harrison of Benton were callers at The Standard office Wednesday on their way from Canalou, where they had been for a visit. They were accompanied by Miss Gladys Moore, who will visit in Benton with Mrs. Harrison, her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. John McClure of Cairo were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nobel, Monday.

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Practice contour plowing on hill lands. Plowing and cultivating up and down the slope causes gullying. Contour plowing breaks the ground along level lines across the slope of the land. Follow the same lines when planting and cultivating the crops. This makes a shallow trough above each row which catches the water and holds some of it until it soaks into the soil.

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For a long time The Standard has carried stories sent us by the Better Business Bureau of St. Louis, warning the public of skin games that relieve folks of their money without giving returns. Only a few issues back, a story was carried telling about the picture enlargement skin game, of how a crayon enlargement would be made free of charge in order to introduce a sample of their work into the community. The "bugger" is made all right, but it is returned in a frame and the frame will only cost a matter of $10 or better. There will be no more words of warning printed in The Standard, as our home will be a standing mark for all future skin games. The picture enlargement-man was in town this week and the first victim was caught at the editor's house. A phone call informed us that an agent was using one of our photos as a come-on for other victims just after we had warned other people to beware. We were embarrassed, ashamed and as mad as hell, but the agent was showing a mighty fine looking old man around town, without our knowledge, in order to lead easy folks to believe we were the easy mark that we appeared. If we owned a Chick Sale "special", it would be a fit place to hang one of these relics, but we haven't and you can bet it will never adorn the walls of the Blanton Mansion. No, we didn't give the order.

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We are aware of the fact that this is no time to talk bond issue, or any other unusual expenditure of money, but The Standard hopes the time is not far distant when the school board can see its way clear, and find sufficient money to build another grade school building somewhere in Ward 4 to relieve the crowded condition of the present grade school and separate the 6th, 7th and 8th grades from the High School students. Small boys and girls now attending school in the High School building because there is no room in the present grade school building, hear too much and learn too much of questions that none but older scholars and adults should be aware of. However, it seems now that 12-year-old pupils know more about the affairs of humans, than 20-year-olds did in former times—but that's beside the point—a new building inspired the thought.

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Don't overlook the fact that but one more week until Santa Claus will visit homes of rich and poor alike. Likewise, don't overlook that fact that pockets are not put in shrouds. If you haven't children of your own, or grandchildren of your own, look around and make some others happy. This section has been blessed with a good season, good health and an unusual harvest. This should make everyone of us feel God is with us still, that we will not go hungry nor cold, that happiness can be secured at such a small price and without any sacrifice. Open your heart and your pocketbook and go forth to bring happiness to those who may be in need, and to the children of parents who have been less fortunate. Every community would be better off if God could just put into our hearts a better feeling for our fellow man, or if we would let Him, or accept Him.

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Here's hoping the preachers of the the community of every sect, denomination and color, will be kindly remembered by Santa Claus. Their field of labor is diversified and their harvest in a worldly way is generally poor. They have a hard row to hoe. While trying to look pleasant and be pleasant it is sometimes hard to be that way with an empty stomach and so many deceitful people to work with. Their need in the community is great and without them, the devil would soon get us all.

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When staining floors, be certain that all oil or polishing cream is first removed with soda and water. Otherwise the stain will not dry and will be rough and sticky.

Jeff Potlock's wife and children looked awful nice and clean Sunday afternoon when they went to Bounding Billows. Columbus Allsop's wife, their closets neighbor, says they were due to, as Jeff's wife had been borrowing her wash tub, boiling kettle, ironing board and cake of soap, all the week.—Commercial Appeal.

DAY BY DAY WITH GOVERNOR PATTERSON

Last Saturday and Sunday were so wet and dreary and altogether wretched that the only useful purpose they seemed to serve was to remind us of the beauty and cheer of the many bright days with which we have ben favored this fall.

Under the law and in the order of life I suppose we require a little suffering to make us conscious and appreciative of the blessings we have had, and to long for their return.

At any rate the two days of Saturday and Sunday were very dismal. Not a ray from the sun was to be seen and the light from it traveling through the mists and fogs which encompassed one part of the earth appeared gray and exhausted, as if worn out by their long weary journey.

The shrubbery dripped with the falling rains, and the foliage of the evergreens was heavy and drooped with their watery burden which appeared almost too oppressive to bear.

I noticed that the dog kept to his quarters and when it did venture forth it was from sheer enui, after hours spent in sleeping, and when the forgetfulness of slumber could no longer be wooed and won.

No dog likes to be rained upon. Even one who loves the water and plunges into it from instinct, or at the command of his master, will shake itself when it returns to the bank, and when rain drops begin to fall it will seek some dry spot, and there remain until it can no longer overcome its restlessness for the outdoors.

Of course I refer to country dogs who have liberty to roam at will and not to the city kind that spend their lives asleep on or under the sofa, that are carefully fed and pampered contracting the diseases of soft living and sloth and that have no knowledge of what freedom means to a real dog that exercises his inalienable right to bay at the moon by night and howl with tears in its voice when the whistle blows on the locomotive as a train thunders by.

Chickens are even more opposed to getting wet than are dogs, though they are better prepared to shed whatever water may fall upon them.

Unless hunger impels them to go forth in search of food chickens will rush to shelter if one is available when the rain begins to fall, and if they will stand in a grotesque posture with their heads drawn down as far as possible in their neck feathers, with their tails drooping behind looking the picture of misery which cannot help itself, and which must be endured until better weather prevails.

A wet dog and damp sad looking chickens are not objects to enliven a soggy landscape. Birds fare better when the rains descend upon the earth. There is always some thick clusters of wild honeysuckle or a heavy copse, or sheltered places in the cedars where they can find repose and safety even from the worst of storms. Necessity gives to wild life a wisdom and resourcefulness that dometicated fowls and animals which depend upon the kindness and protection of man, do not enjoy.

The heavy rain and the deep reberbrating tones of thunder rather unusual for this time of the year aroused me from sleep in the early hours before the dawn Sunday morning, and as I lay in bed while flashes of lightning played about the house leaving all dark again in the moment of their passing, I thought how powerless at last is man before the forces of nature, and how vain his pride when he speaks of himself as their conqueror. One of those inconceivably quick stabbing flashes could come out of the darkness and lay him low, and he would never know from where it started or whither it had gone.

I noticed after I arose that the winds had thrown down from the trees many dead branches scattering them in ugly shapes about the yard, but the leaves that had before fallen were heavy, filled with the rains and lay matted together upon the earth refusing to be disturbed. During a brief lull from the falling rain I heard a noisy clatter which I at once recognized as coming from a drove of blackbirds and going out to the front porch, I saw them in the top of an oak tree that still retained many of its leaves. There were hundreds of these birds, and while a lover of birds, I do not care for these. When I see them I always think of Poe's "Raven" and the "Dark Plutonian Shore" and imagine that these periodic visitors have come from afar off where there is intense blackness and the odors from sulphur fires arise.

I know they are innocent of evil, but this does not cause me to fancy blackbirds.

There are always compensations, so at least we have been told, and there are certainly compensations for the rains that fall and sink into the earth, penetrating its dark recesses where the roots of the trees spread out in silence ready to receive the live giving strength of the water and store it for use in the wonderful alchemy of their being to make ready for the glory and resurrection of spring.—Commercial Appeal.



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SUPREME COURT SETS DATE FOR RE-DISTRICTING HEARING

Jefferson City, December 15.—The Supreme Court today set the mandamus action of State Senator B. T. Gordon of Liberty, against Secretary of State Becker, for hearing on Januyar 28, next. The action is to test the validity of the State senatorial districts, as mapped out by Gov. Caulfield, Attorney-General Shartel and Becker, after the last Legislature failed to redistrict the State.

Gordon seeks to compel Becker to accept his candidacy for re-election from the old Third District, of which Clay County, his home, is a part. Becker refused to accept the declaration, contending the old Third District no longer is in existence.

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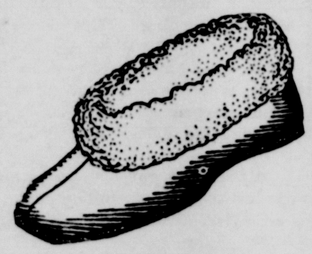
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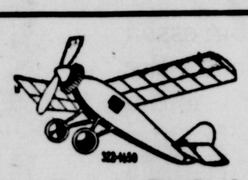
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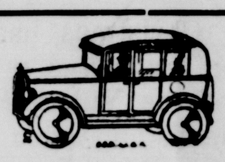
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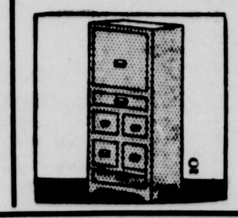
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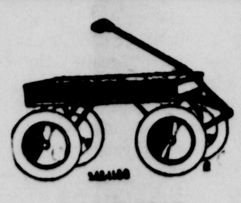
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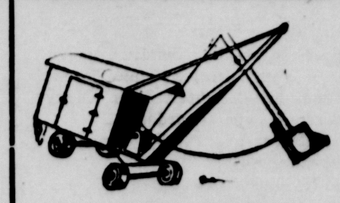
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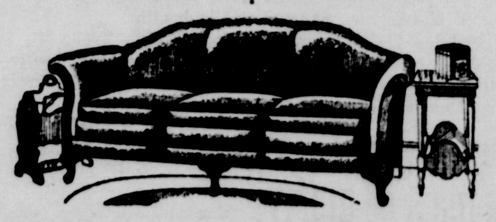
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FULBRIGHT PLACED ON COMMITTEES

Committees assignments in the lower house of Congress resulted in Congresman James F. Fulbright of Doniphan getting on the Flood Control, Irrigation and Reclamation, Civil Service and War Claims committees, it was learned here today.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM CHARLESTON

Miss Joella Moore has returned from a visit with friends in Ava, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Wilkinson spent Sunday and Monday in St. Louis.

Misses Tessie Powell and Doris Dever spent Sunday with friends in Sikeston.

F. H. Scofield, Jr., a student at Wake Forest, N. C., has arrived to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Scofield.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Pate and Miss Lucille Riggs spent Saturday night in Poplar Bluff, where they were the guests of Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Transue.

Miss Dorothy Drinkwater, a student at Bethel College, Hopkinsville, Ky., is at home to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Drinkwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wilkinson and children of Cairo and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wilkinson of Caruthersville spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Wilkinson.

Misses Mary Lee Simpson and Ellen Love, Mrs. Mabel Love and Mr. and Mrs. Gunter Simpson and son were visitors in St. Louis the latter part of the week, returning home, Sunday.

Willis Chapman of Helena, Ark., spent the week-end here. Mrs. Chapman and baby, who have been visiting Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Chapman, returned home with him. Miss Helen Chapman accompanied them to Helena and will be their guest for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver French, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Brown and members of the Thursday Night Bridge Club enjoyed a delightful party Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Grojean in Sikeston. At the conclusion of the game, the hostess served a sandwich and salad course.

The Saturday Afternoon Bridge Club was entertained by Mrs. Tom Byrd. Prizes were won by Miss Helen Chapman, Mrs. Bailey Wilkinson, Jr. and Mrs. A. J. Drinkwater, Jr. Club guests were Miss Ida Deal, Mesdames Earl Grojean, W. B. Ragsdale, Jess Hall, Riley Brown, Horace Ficklin, Willis Chapman and Clifford Brown. The hostess served a salad course with coffee.

The Birthday Club had a delightful meeting Monday with Mrs. Katie Greer and their members who live in Sikeston, who was celebrating the anniversary of her birth. At high noon, a three-course dinner was faultlessly served. The Club members from this city who attended the dinner were Mrs. J. J. Russell, Mrs. Mary Thompson, Mrs. Ed Deal, Mrs. Frank Russell, Mrs. W. F. Marshall and Mrs. Julia Rowe.

The regular monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held Friday afternoon with Mrs. W. T. Marshall and Mrs. J. H. Marshall. Mrs. Joe Howlett was an assistant hostess. The devotional was conducted by Mrs. Frank Hequembourg. Mrs. F. J. Wilkinson was the program leader. Those taking part were Mrs. A. H. Marshall, Mrs. Ernest Bryant and Mrs. John Bird. A beautiful vocal solo was rendered by Mrs. George Kirk. At the conclusion of the program plum pudding with whipped cream and coffee were served the guests.

MRS. JENNIE LEAGUE WAS MEMBER OF PIONEER CRAWFORD COUNTY FAMILY

Virginia Melvina Key was born June 3, 1854 at Keysville, Crawford County, Missouri, the daughter of Judge Wm. Key and Elvira Dunlap Key, a pioneer family of that county. Her father was a prominent politician of his time, having held various county offices, and several terms as representative.

Her early life was spent in Crawford and Dent Counties, having resided in Steeleville, Mo., for a number of years.

In 1881 her education was completed at Carlton College, Farmington, an outstanding school of its day.

She was united in marriage, May 2, 1882 to Thomas H. League of Washington County, member of a pioneer family of that county, and a prominent educator.

Her later life was spent in Jefferson County, where Mr. League taught in the schools of that county for many years. During her residence in Festus, she was a member of the Methodist Church South, but due to the fact that she had in recent years made her home with her daughter in St. Louis, who is affiliated with Grace Presbyterian church, she was a member of that denomination at the time of her death.

Mrs. League had been afflicted with carcinoma for two years, but was not a sufferer until recently, having been confined to her bed only six days. The end came quietly and peaceably at 7 minutes to three o'clock Monday morning, December 14, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. C. Flint, 6136 Waterman Avenue, St. Louis, with her entire family at her bedside.

She is survived by three children, Mrs. Myrtle League Welsh of Sikeston, Mrs. Gertrude Flint and Thomas BuBart League of St. Louis, and two grandchildren, Mrs. Helen Welsh Johnson, and Virginia Flint of St. Louis.

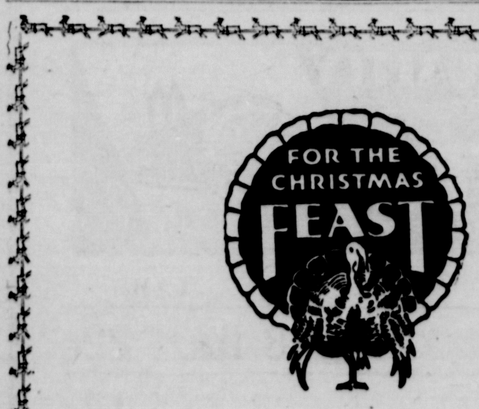
Funeral services were conducted at the Festus Methodist Church South, Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, with Rev. C. C. Barnhardt of St. Louis officiating, assisted by Rev. O. H. Duggins, pastor at Festus.

Interment was in Festus, Gamel's Cemetrey, by the side of her husband, who preceeded her in death seven years ago, October 19, 1924.

AND JIM GOES HOME

Jim, accompanied by his master and mistress, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Van Arsdale left Saturday for Sedalia. Jim entertained dozens of Sikestonians during his visit at the hotel home of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Van Arsdale here, and arrangements have been tentatively made to have the educated dog appear at an assembly of High School students when he returns within the next two or three months.

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One inept commentator calls the President's message 'The Path to Prosperity". The phrase is a painful reminder that in 1928 Mr. Hoover not only pointed out the path to prosperity, but bordered it with the smoking chimneys of highly protected industries, providing a job for every man and a two-car garage thrown in for extra measure, with a vista of cargo ships carrying our increasing foreign commerce, while happy groups of stabilized farmers smiled upon the scene, and the specter of poverty, appalled by the volume of our over-abundance, vanished in thin air. Isn't one trip over the ppath of Hoover prosperity enough?

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Ed Crowe of the Dexter Statesman who takes an aspirin every day for his hedaache, was advised by a reader to take this remedy, to which we heartily subscribe: "Fill a bucket full of water; stick the head under three times; and draw it out twice".

Hooray, Dearmont for Governor?

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Our Man About Town might as well be married. He's been more or less batty for the last year or so, anyway. Might tend to straighten him out.

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The humor in a bulletin just issued by the Federal Department of Agriculture is on a par with a remark once made by Ab Dinsmore, City Marshal at Marceline in its wild, early days. "It seems blamed funny to me", said Ab, "that they always build the big towns where there's the most people". The wise boys in the Agriculture Department says, "Hog cholera seems to be hitting its severest blows in regions where hogs are most numerous".—La Plata Home Press.

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The slogan "Go after business" is okeh until you remember where business has gone.

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One of our University men about town is said to have earned his way through by taking care of a baby. A good many more have flunked out for similar reasons.

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"For the first time since the war", wrote Charles Merz in the New York Times recently, "the American public faces the possibility of higher (federal) taxes . . . It is clear that Secretary Mellon described the present situation accurately when he said that during recent months 'the government's financial position has changed from one of great ease to one of increasing difficulties' ".

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Rastus' lawyer was informing him on the legal status of his matrimonial relationship and his chances for divorce. "I have discovered that your marriage isn't legal", said the young attorney, "and I can get you a divorce on the ground that her father didn't have a permit to carry a gun". —Lyons Daily News.

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President Hoover came into office advocating a limited revision of the tariff. Before Congress got through with his tariff proposals, he scrapped his plan for a limited revision and came around to the acceptance of a drastic general revision upward. In reorganizing the Tariff Commission, fifteen months ago, President Hoover proclaimed his intention of divorcing that agency from all partisan considerations of tariff questions . . Now all pretense of tariff impartiality vanishes with the appointment of an old-line New England protectionist to the commission's chairmanship. It would seem that the President has been making great haste backward on the tariff issue.—Baltimore Sun.

An "Owed" To the New Patrol

(In five worses)

To the four jingles clipped from the Literary Digest and one added by the funster on the staff of Missouri Pacific Lines Magazine, our own poet has added his own version:

Gone, oh, quite,
Is X. L. Scott;
He was tight,
His brakes were not.
—H. I. Phillips in the New York Sun.

Weep a bit
For Z. B. Lott;
He was lit,
His lights were not.
—J. D. S. in the Macon Telegraph.

Shed some tears
For Y. K. Mott;
He had air—
His tires had not.
—Carey Williams in the Greensboro Herald-Journal.

Left on the road
Was Major Bott;
He was full—
His tank was not.
—James Wells in the Dalton Citizen.

Poor Rube Dean
Of Possum Trot;
He was green—
The light was not.
—Sidney Warren Mase.

Now quite dead
Is Shiek Big Shot
He had parked
The truck had not.
—A. L. W.

Many persons will likely regard as unjust discrimination the action of Republican Senators in re-electing Senator Watson as leader of their party in the Senate and blocking the re-election of Senator Moses as president pro tempore of that body. Senator Moses paid cash for his sugar stock, while Senator Watson only gave a note, which he said was no good, for his.

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The editor of The Standard is feeling mighty punk at this writing. Every time he gets good and mad, it stirs up the bile in his system. Guess no one will give a d. though.

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The bald-headed gentleman whose picture appears on another page, is Charles M. Hay, our next Democratic Senator from Missouri. When he takes his seat in the Senate, if he can be seated by J. Ham Lewis of Illinois, there will be a contrast, indeed. J. Ham has a powerful shock of hair and whiskers enough for a rabbit to hide in. If they could strike an average on hair, both of them would be more handsome, then J. Ham is sopping wet, and C. M. is powder dry. If they could strike an average on this question, then forget it altogether, the country would be better off.

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Secretary of War Hurley declares Hoover is the Nation's only real leader. Yes, sir; he has led more farmers and more bankers to the bankrupt courts and to the sheriff's door than any other president of this great republic.

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Here's one from the Jackson County (Kansas) Herald: "We wish the owner of the cat that came to our house the other day would come and get 'em".

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The Salem correspondent to the Burr Oak Herald reports the case of a dentist who offers to make a man a set of the plates obtainable in exchange for the gold in his mouth. But the considerate correspondent continues: "We would not give the man's name for anything in the world—high jackers might get hold of it.



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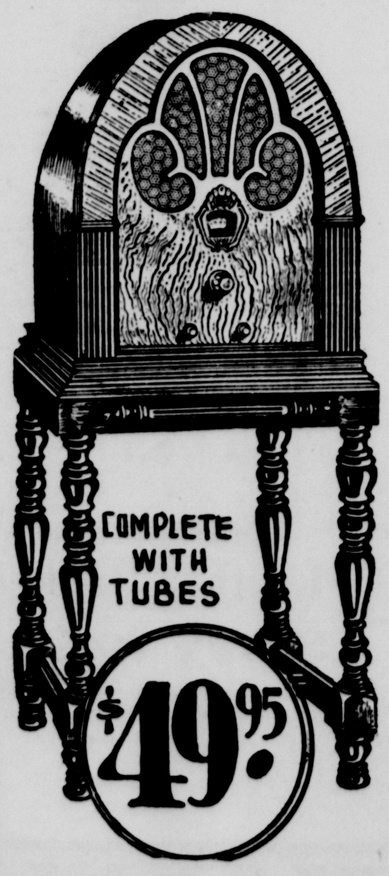
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GOVERNMENT INSPECTED

LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM CANALOU

Santa Claus Is Dead!
How did he die?
With a wrinkle of his eye,
His face all awry,
And his foot in the sky.

The members of the "Busy Bees" were so sympathetic that they arranged a program to portray the sad decease of the beneficent old man. The "Busy Bees" is the name selected for the Canalou Community Club. The motto of the club is "All workers and no drones".

At this meeting, which was held last Thursday afternoon in the music room of the school building, Mrs. H. G. Cathey demonstrated how to make hooked rugs. Thsi proved very interesting. Various games were played. Everyone brought a small gift which was put into a grab box. The "grabbing" of the gifts proved much excitement.

The club has made palns to obtain a traveling library consisting of fifty books. Mrs. Percy reported that the books may be expected to arrive in about two weeks.

The club will meet again January 14.

Byron Spencer visited relatives at New Madrid, Monday.

Mrs. Jim Castilo and son, Don, visited in Sikeston, Thursday.

Olden Wright and little son, Billie, of Charleston, visited relatives here, Sunday.

L. L. Arbuckle and Imond Muffett were in New Madrid a short time on Monday.

Mrs. Frank Newman left Thursday for a short visit with relatives in Protone, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Walden were called to Blytheville, Ark., Saturday on account of illness of their daughter.

The revival that had been in progress for the past several weeks at the Pentecostal church, closed Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Moore and son, Wilson, and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Percy attended the show at Sikeston Sunday afternoon.

Miss Nataline Spiker, who is teaching the River Ridge School of this district, spent the week-end at her home in Bloomfield.

Mrs O. Jennings and daughter, Miss Helen, visited Mrs. Jenning's sister, Mrs. George Kimmel, near Advance from Friday until Monday.

George Allison, the stepson of Jim Durbin, was taken to a hospital in St. Louis, Tuesday. George has been ill for several weeks. He suffered a paralytic stroke several weeks ago.

Jim Newman and Rees Spencer upheld the affirmative side of the State debating question against the Lilbourn high school team here Monday evening. The Lilbourn team won this debate. Monday evening, the Canalou team will debate against Morehouse at Morehouse.

Supt. Roy V. Ellise, Miss Haw and Miss Mackey, of Sikeston, judged the debate here Monday night between Lilbourn and Canalou. Miss Frances Burch and Miss Myrtle Dalton, who are also teaching at Sikeston, atended the debate also. Miss Dalton formerly taught here and Miss Burch formerly taught at Lilbourn.

The Lilbourn basketball team played here Friday night. The Lilbourn boys have a very promising team. This was their first game of the season. The score of the game was Canalou 26 and Lilbourn 10. Lilbourn does not have a girls' team, therefore, our girls did not play Friday night. Friday night, January 18, our team will play Risco at Risco.

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Hooray, Dearmonth for Governor?

Dear Santa:

Xmas is almost here, so I thought I had better write you so you would not forget me. I'm a little boy 7 years old, I go to school every day and I'm in the second grade I love my teacher. Her name is Mrs. Taylor. Don't forget her Santa and do not forget any of the little orphan boys and girls. I won't ask for very much. Just a truck, a violin and a police outfit with a cap, and Santa don't forget Mr. Blanton. He is so good to print our letters and Santa, he gives us little boys and girls nickles and dimes and visits people when they are sick. I tell you us kiddies think he's great, so be sure and fill his sock full. Bye, old Santa. I'm sure lookin' for you Xmas.

ARCHIE COOK, JR.

Dear Santa Claus:

Just a few lines to you, telling you what I want most for Xmas. Santa, I'm not a very big boy, just four and a half years old. I want a wagon and a real live cat. My cat ran away and I have been awful lonesome without Thomas (my cat). Please don't forget all the little boys and girls, bring them something that will make them happy. Now Santa, please don't forget to bring me a cat, a grey one, like the one that ran away—that's what I want most for Xmas.

BILLIE NEWTON CARROLL

Dear Santa:

I am a small boy, 9 years old and I am in the 4th grade. My teacher is Miss Ruth Bateman. She is a good teacher, please don't forget to stop at her house. I want a bicycle and that is all I ask for. Don't forget my sisters and brothers. Bring every boy and girl in town something, so that everyone will be happy Xmas morning.

DEWITT LAMBERT

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl just 5 years old. I am going to kindergarten after the Xmas holidays. Santa, I don't want very much for there are too many children for you to give presents. I want a little colored baby doll and a dresser and cabinet. Please don't forget by baby brother, Billy. He wants a little wagon and airplane.

MARGARET LAMBERT

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a basketball, anything you might have left, as there are so many little children that want something too. Please Santa, make them happy this Xmas. Don't forget all my little classmates at school and please visit the sick and make this a happy Xmas for one and all.

VIRGINIA BRANUM

Dear Santa Claus:

I will write you what I want most for Christmas. I want a football, a pair of gloves. I don't want to be selfish, so please don't forget all the boys and girls all over the land and country, for Santa there are a lot of children that need good warm clothes. Be sure and visit them. Dear old Santa, please do bring my little brother, Billie Newton, a real cat, as he is lonesome without his pet. Will see you Xmas Eve.

J. W. CARROLL

Dear Santa:

Last night I heard you say over the radio if we would write you a letter you would send us a picture of your work shop. I know it would be beautiful to see. Santa, I am a little girl 10 years old and in the 5th grade. Miss Lucille Finley is my teacher—she is very good. I am not asking for much because there are too many other children you have to go and see. I want a doll to sew for and some story books. I guess that is all.

FREDA LAMBERT

Dear Santa Claus:

As I am in Sikeston visiting my grandmother, though I'd better write you and tell you what I want for Xmas. Santa, I want a bicycle and a horn, and plenty of good things to eat. Please don't forget my mother and daddy in St. Louis—bring them something nice. Santa, you will find me at 208 N. Stoddard St. Please don't pass me by.

J. T. (SONNY) STEPHENS

LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM MATTHEWS

Mrs. Ellen Ball is reported as being much worse at this writing.

Miss Juanita Brooks of St. Louis spent from Friday until Sunday here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Byrd of Portageville visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Byrd, over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Durard King and baby and Mrs. W. V. Moore of Cody, Wyo,, arrived Saturday night on a visit to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. King.

The Ladies' Aid and Christian Endeavor Society surprised Mrs. Clifford Reed and Mrs. Albert Sutton with a kitchen shower at the home of Mrs. Clifford Sutton, Tuesday evening. Refreshments of chicken salad and saltines with cocoa were served to fifty-four guests. Many useful gifts were received. The Ladies' Aid presented each bride with a lovey wedding ring quilt.

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LIVE STOCK WILL BRING PROSPERITY TO FARMS

New Madrid County needs more livestock according to County Extension Agent Scott M. Julian. For the past two years the total number of livestock of every kind in the county has been increasing, this increase has not been as rapid as it should or would have been under more favorable financial conditions. This year finds the farmers in the county with large quantities of feed and not enough stock to even consume most of it.

Livestock can be handled successfully and profitably in this territory as is being demonstrated by a number of farmers every year. To do this successfully and profitably one must know what he is doing and make plans in advance. Pastures are one of the most essential parts of livestock farming, and pastures should be secured before or by the time the livestock is brought on. A number of farmers are now getting in sheep, for the past two years several men including A. E. McCord, George Bullock, Alfred Stepp and others have handled sheep successfully.

Many farmers believe that because of diseases it is too risky to attempt raising hogs. These diseases however, can be controlled, and with the use of the proper sanitation methods but few of them need to be worried about. By farrowing on clean ground and keeping the young pigs on clean pasture until they weigh 75 or 80 pounds, the danger of worms will be eliminated and with the worms will go most of the chances of contracting other diseases.

The Stores of the
Cairo Retail Merchants Association
will be opened every night until Christmas

Heart of the Season
Shoe Sale
Due to the extreme warm weather we are offering our entire Shoe Stock at
Greatly Reduced Prices
McManus Shoe Co.
We Fit By X-Ray
Cairo, Illinois



The largest and best lot of
TOYS
in this section is at
JOHNSTON'S
IN CAIRO

MOVE PRUDENTIAL OFFICE JANUARY 1

The real estate and land service department maintained for the past several years in the McCoy-Tanner building by the Prudential Insurance Company, will be moved to Memphis, Tenn., January 1, according to M. G. Tirmenstein, now in charge.

The move affects T. D. White, Guthrie King, Mr. Tirmenstein and Miss Nellie Massey. For the time being Mr. Tirmensten will remain in charge here to wind up odds and ends, then he and his family of Benton will also move to Memphis.

Friday and Saturday, entire stock of fall and winter hats at less than one-half price.—Elite Hat Shop.

Sidney Hocks says he has been going to see a widow for some time, and believes he could actually marry her if he wanted to, as all widows marry whenever they set their heads. —Commercial Appeal.

Too LATE!

No underwriter will issue a policy once your house is ablaze. It is now before the lurking menace of fire actually strikes with its thousands burning tongues, that you must act. We issue all species of Fire Insurance policies.
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Cairo, Illinois
Continuous Show 2:30 to 11 p. m. on Sundays and Christmas Day
PROGRAM FOR CHRISTMAS DAY AND SATURDAY
WINNIE LIGHTNER in
"Side Show"
Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, December 27-28-29
Greta Garbo in "Mata Hari"

Your Own Property
is concerned when your neighbors house is on fire!—Horace.

Your neighbor's fire loss is likely to become your loss. Don't be without proper insurance.
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TELEPHONE 538
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SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Cairo, Ill.

I am writing you a letter asking you for a few things for me and my little brothre, Bobbie Don. I am almost as big as my daddy, but I'm not very old for I was a Xmas present to mother and daddy ten years ago from this coming Xmas day. I hope you are good to all the little girls and boys whose daddies are out of work and can't afford much Xmas. I would like to have a chest of tools, a wrist watch, a Xmas Club, a suede jacket and cap, a basketball and the baskets. My little brother, Bobbie Don, will be two years old the 4th of February. He wants a little train, a fire truck, a table and chairs, a tea set with silver to use with it, a red wagon, a velociepede, A. B. C. Blocks and a Xmas Club. We both want lots of fruits, nuts and candy and Santa, please don't forget my cousins in Sikeston. They are Louise, J. W., Carol Emory, Imogene and Pat, Jr., Davis. Hope you'll be good to all of us.

LOUIS LLOYD SATTERFIELD, Jr.

Dear Santa:

I am a litte boy and in the second grade at school. Miss Newton is my teacher and I think lots of her. Since last Christmas I have moved into town, and for fear you can't find me, thought I'd better send you my addres. It is 408 North Prairie Street. Will you please bring me a coaster wagon with side boards and double wheels in back; a pair of boots and a nice story book. Also bring some fruit and candy and remember all the other little children.

BILLY GRANT.

Dear Santa:

Santa, we are just two little boys, age 5 and 6 years old. If you have any tractors and dump trucks, you might bring us one and whatever you think best for we know you have so many children to remember at Xmas time. We don't want you to forget any. Please don't forget any of the orphans. Santa, we have a little cousin in St. Louis, please don't forget her. She is 18 months old. Her name is Patty. Santa, don't forget any of our little friends. Please remember us with candy, nuts and fruits.

LEONARD CARROLL
STANLEY CARROLL

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy three years old. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. Well, Santa, I will not ask for much because I want every little boy and girl to get something, especially the little orphans and those in the hospital. I would like to have a little wagon and something to eat. S o bye, Santa.

WALTER LEE

Dear Santa:

I am just a small boy, just 17 and am big enough to rid a small bicycle. I have been very good 'cause it is so near Xmas and I want you to bring me a set of near bearings and a crank shaft for my Model T Ford and I have some little friends that I want you to remember. One of them is Leon Bryant. He wants you to bring him a gallon of egg nogg and also Raymond Boardman and my good friend, Floyd Deal. He wants a new set of guitar strings and his brother, Joe, a little pipe. James Cox, bring him and Mort Knight what you have left after you visit all other little children. My boss, Pete Bramun, bring him a pair of socks for the ones he has are full of holes. Bring Bennie Moster and Burk Akers a pair of shorts for they sure need them. Bring my daddy a pair of kanagroo overalls—you buy them at the Whiz Bang Store. That will be all for this year.

DAN RAMSEY

Dear Santa:

I am a very small girl.I go to school every day. I have tried to be a nice little girl this year, as I knew you would be here soon. I want you to bring me a doll that walks, talks, and sleeps, a set of dishes and a doll buggy that runs on four wheels. And please don't forget my brothers and sisters. Especially my little brother, Delois Greer, as he is very small in action and motion and very timid in age. He wants a small red wagon, and a Chevrolet coach that don't slip and slide on a muddy road, and lots of candy, nuts, oranges and apples. As this is all I can think of, hoping you can arrive with our wants, I hope to see you soon.

ELIZABETH GREER

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl, but do not go to school. I have tried to be a nice little girl. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. Now Santa, as my wants are few, please bring me a doll, doll buggy, an all-day sucker and please don't forget my little boy friend, Jim Dumey. Please bring him something, too.

OPAL FULKERSON

Dear Santa:

How is my dear old friend? We are two little boys. We don't go to school, but we try awfully hard to be nice good boys. Please remember us this Xmas. My brother Jim wants a monkey that climbs the string, a cap pistol, a hen that lays golden eggs and a jumping jack, and I want a little red wagon and a billy goat to work to it, a little pocket knife and a toy watch and chain. Please don't forget my sisters and brothers, especially Arvella and Juanita. They want a doll, set of dishes and candy, nuts, oranges and apples.

JIM & FREITZ DUMEY

Dear Santa:

I am writing you to let you know what I want you to bring me for Xmas. I want a rain cap and coat and a pair of galoshes. That is all I want for Xmas.

EDNA MADGE CHANEY

Dear Santa:

I would like to have a fountain pen for Xmas and a pair of skates, ring and a box of stationery. Santa, don't forget the other little children.

JUELDEEN PALMER

Dear Santa:

I would like to have a doll for Xmas, a fountain pen, a wrist watch and a pair of beads. Santa, don't forget the other little children.

SUSIE YANT

ASK ABOUT
QUAKER STATE SUPER-FINE GREASING SERVICE!
It's Better But Costs No More
$1.00
SENSENBAUGH BROTHERS

EXPONENT OF 'COTTON ROLL' HAS LEAD IN DICE CONTEST

Grinnell, Ia., December 14.—The "cotton roll" system of shooting craps had a 10-point lead over the "African twist" method on the fourth day of play as exponents of the two styles of playing dice tried today to prove that luck and skill had less to do with success than system.

John Ditzler, a barber, led, 35 to 25, in the 10-day contest over Edw. Jantzen, also a wielder of the razor in this college town. Both said barbering helped their skill with the ivories, as the cubes needed not only to be flipped by a delicate touch, like a razor, but also behaved better when talked to volubly.

The experts say their styles of commands to the dice are just as important in craps as the varying systems of bidding in bridge.

The southern gardener who gets results with his summer vegetables because of root-knot—which is prevaent in the South, especially in sandy sections—can control the disease by a 3-year rotation of a vegetable garden, chicken yard, and corn patch. Fence off the ground into three sections. Have the chicken house in the center at one end with three doors opening into the yards. Plant only annual crops in the rotation. Perennials susceptible to root-knot, such as gropes and figs, must be planted in a separate place.

COMPLETES BEAUTY COURSE

Mrs. Florence Finney this week completed a course in beauty culture at the Cape Girardeau School of Beauty, and plans to open a shop in this city about January 1. A definite announcement of time and place will be made later.

It required 19 boxes to ship the bones of a prehistorical monster, unearthed near Angus, Nebr., to the Colorado Museum, at Denver. The bones weighed 4400 pounds.

FIVE MOTOR CARS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Cape Girardeau, December 15.—Five motor cars were destroyed in fire which today burned the garage and blacksmith shop at Friedheim, near here, causing damage of $5000.

Extra special, large assortment of hats reduced to $1.00.—Elite Hat Shop.

Worn muslin curtains make nice squares to wrap around the cleaned celery or lettuce in the icebox.

Sterling
5¢ to $1 STORE

Will Be Open Evenings Until
10 p. m.
Commencing Saturday, Dec. 19

Remember—A small deposit will hold any article until called for.
Shop Early While Selection Is Complete

Big in Value!

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THIS COMPACT RADIO is not a toy—not cut down in performance for the sake of size. Come in and let us show you how powerful and how rich in tone a Compact radio can be! See below a partial list of features. We don't know of any other *small* set that can touch this one for completeness and satisfaction.

New
ATWATER KENT
SUPER-HETERODYNE
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$69.80
with Automatic Volume Control
Complete with Tubes



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17 great features

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GOLDEN VALUES
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Here Is a *New*
Christmas Idea!

Christmas this year promises to be a day of practical gifts. Considerations of thrift, of usefulness and of the actual needs of others will be paramount—And no gift is more practical, none more filled with the real spirit of the holiday season than a gift of food.

Good things to eat have always been given with pride and received with pleasure. Then too, there are many people this year who will extend their Christmas giving beyond the family circle to homes where need threatens to rob the holidays of their joy.

For a small expenditure governed by your own choice you can get from your local independent grocer a full case or an assorted case of canned fruits, vegetables, milk, meats, fish or whatever delicacy you select.

Everybody will welcome a Christmas gift which will fill the pantry shelf with wholesome, appetizing foods and radiate happy remembrance for many a day.

Insist that your local independent grocer include in your selection of foods a generous supply of the brands which have become so famous in this territory

Fox : Radio : Golden Drip

There are no brands more nourishing and none more carefully selected or more scrupulously handled from its original source to your table.

Consult your Local Independent Grocer. He is ready to serve you. Read his advertisements in this issue.

McKnight-Keaton Wholesale Grocery Company
Sikeston, Missouri

SANTA GETS A BOOST WHEN STORE DONATES 1000 TOYS

The Lions Club Santa Claus received a genuine boost this week when Jim Hudgins, manager of Sterlings, arranged to give more than 1000 toys to the cause of the Club, absolutely free. The playthings are packed into three large cases and include drums, dolls, airplanes, rattlers, and dozens and a dozen of other items.

Each year the Lions Club Christmas party gains in importance, and this year more elaborate plans than ever have been perfected. They include the giving of chickens to poor and needy families, and the distribution of toys, candies, and fruit to many poor children in the city. A dozen or more men, members of the Lions Club, and assistants about town town will participate in making arrangements and seeing that no deserving youngster is overlooked on Christmas morning.

Dear Old Santa:

I sure don't want you to overlook me this Xmas. Santa, as it is my first Xmas back here in his country I would like to have a bicycle, bass drum, and skates. Now be sure and hunt for me Santa as I will be right here waiting for you. I have tried to be a good boy. I am 8 years old. With lots of love to you.

HARRY PHILIP GROSS

Dear Santa:

I'm just another litte girl wanting you to be sure and come to see me Xmas. I will be 5 years old Xmas Day. Now Santa, I do hope you can visit every little girl and boy all over the world and leave them all something. And now I would like for you to bring me a little stove, a little dresser, a mamma doll and a set of dishes if you can spare them. And oh, Santa, I just love you lots and lots.

DORIS JEAN COOK

Dear Santa:

I am a girl 13 years old and in the 8th grade, I have been very good this year and I want you to bring me some candy, nuts, a compact, lots of powder, lipstick and perfume and my friend Joe said he wanted a doll that lokos exactly like me. He wants some lollypops and jawbreakers, too and dear Santa, don't forget all the other children.

MAXINE SELLARDS.

MRS. FLORA MOORE

Mrs. Flora Moore, wife of C. E. Moore, formerly of Bertrand, but recently of Moore Avenue, this city, died Wednesday following an attack of acute colitis. She was born November 5, 1880 and died at the age of 51 years, 1 month and 11 days.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon with Rev. Leslie Garrison officiating. Interment in Memorial Park Cemetery. Albriton in charge.

An operetta, "The Belle of Barcelona", will be presented tonight (Thursday) at the High School auditorium by the Glee Club, orchestra and a picked cast. As the name indicates, the playlet has a Spanish setting, and is full of surprising situations, good songs, and chorus numbers.

Everyone Likes

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Mother and Dad and the Baby—they all like candy. But they'll tell you confidentially that SAN MAN is the best of all. Wholesomest, tastiest!

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Shep's Place

Malone Ave.

'HOPPER PLAGUE THIS SUMMER HAS CLIMAX IN DEATH OF TWO CHILDREN

Verdigre, Neb., December 15.—Starvation has claimed two lives in Knox County, one of seven north Nebraska counties left destitute by last summer's drouth and plague of grasshoppers.

The dead, both Indian children, were:

Lavern Trudell, 2 years old.

Lula Ruollard, 1½ years old.

County funerals were held for the two hunger victims.

Reports of the deaths were made to William Bruce, local chairman of Gov. Charles W. Bryan's relief committee. Bruce made arrangements for funerals for the dead at Niobrara.

MELODY MAKERS TO ENTERTAIN FOR 3 DANCES

The Missouri Meldoy Makers will entertain with their regular Friday night dance at the Armory, December 18, and announce to their friends that they will again be present during the holidays December 22 and December 28. A nominal admittance charge is made.

HERE'S ONE ON LEWIS STONE

The mild appearing Lewis Stone, who has a prominent role in "The Sin of Madelon Claudet", Sunday and Monday at Malone Theatre, apparently has hidden possibilities as a prize fighter.

Stone tells it on himself that he went to a dentist for some adjustments and submitted to laughing gas. When he came to, he found himself in the middle of the dental floor, tearing half the clothes off the dentist.

The latter apologized profusely. "My error, Mr. Stone", he said. "You see we usually strap patients down for laughing gas, for it makes some people want to fight. But you looked so harmless that we took a chance".

South St. Louis—Construction completed on buildings for St. Stephen parish school and church.

Wash silk handkerchiefs in tepid water containing borax. Use little or no soap. Wrap in a towel and iron when properly dampened.

LOCAL STORES TO REMAIN OPEN NIGHTS

Most Sikeston stores this week are advertising the fact that beginning Saturday, December 19, their places of business will be open evenings until 9 or 10 o'clock to accommodate Christmas shoppers.

Buying to date has been very scattered, and merchants anticipate a gradual pickup this week-end, and a grand rush as usual, the first few days next week.

TWO MULES KILLED ON HIGHWAY WEDNESDAY

A Reo Speedwagon crashed into a mule running loose on Highway 61 near Kewanee Wednesday evening about 6:30 o'clock, killing the animal. The owner could not be determined.

Highway patrolmen reported another accident north of Sikeston that same night about one mile north of New Madrid. A car crashed into the rear of an unlighted wagon, killing a mule.

PATROLMAN BROOKS MAKES FIRST ARREST IN CITY

Trooper Brooks with the new Highway Patrol made the first arrest in this vicinity Wednesday, when he picked up Raymond Darnell, truck driver of Paragould, Ark., on a charge of reckless driving. Judge Jos. W. Myers assessed a fine of $5 and costs.

E. C. MATTHEWS ESTATE PAYS $19,335.30 TAX

Jefferson City, December 16.—There was paid into the State Treasury today by executors of the estate of E. C. Mathews of Sikeston, who died March 23, 1931, inheritance tax totaling $19,335.30. The estate had a net taxable valuation of $813,932.89 and was inherited by the widow, a daughter and a son. It consisted largely of stocks and bonds, with real estate holdings valued at $152,333.33.

The deceased was a brother of C. D. Matthews of Sikeston, until recently chairman of the State Highway Commission.

Sikeston Standard, $1.50 per year.

Don't forget W. M. U. Christmas sale Saturday, December 19, in Beck Building. 4t.

Great Britain upsets Uncle Sam's export apple cart by authorizing a new tariff on fresh fruits, vegetables and flowers.

FIRST CREDITORS' MEETING

In the District Court of the United States for the Southeastern Division of the Eastern Judicial District of Missouri.

In the Matter of John W. Whittington, Bankrupt.

In Bankruptcy No. 1626

TO THE CREDITORS OF John W. Whittington of Oran, Missouri, and District aforesaid, Bankrupt:

Notice is hereby given that on December 12th, 1931, said John W. Whittington was adjudicated bankrupt, and that the first meeting of creditors will be held at the office of the undersigned Referee in Bankruptcy, in the Missourian Building, in the City of Cape Girardeau, State of Missouri, on December 22nd, 1931, at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, at which time and place the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

At said meeting the creditors will consider the advisability of the sale of all the assets, real estate and personal property of said estate at public or private sale, subject to approval or confirmation by the court.

JOSEPH L. MOORE.
Referee in Bankruptcy.
Cape Girardeau, Mo., December 12th, 1931.

FOR RENT—6-room house and bath; new furnace, double garage. See Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dye, 713 Ruth Street. 1t-24.

Russia's "girl judge", Maria Tamboff, is said to have sentenced more than 3000 prisoners ot death in the last two years. The czar's butchers

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Where Good Fellows Meet

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Weeks Theatre
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SUNDAY and MONDAY, DECEMBER 20-21—

Matinee Sunday 2:30 Nights 7:30 The truthful, human-interest side of fotball told boldly, daringly, for the first time on the screen in "THE TOUCHDOWN" with Richard Arlen, Peggy Shannon, Jack Oakie, Regis Toomey. Grandstand thrill from your theatre seat. Don't miss it.
News, Cartoon and other Short

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22-23—

Bigger than ever—"THE BIG PARADE" at last in sound. Here's the picture you always wanted to see again. Its thrills a hundred times intensified in sound! The picture that is hailed as the greatest of them all. Don't miss it.
Comedy and other Short

THURSDAY and FRIDAY, Christmas Day DECEMBER 24-25—

Matinee Xmas Day 2:30—Nights 7:30 Joan Crawford in "POSSESSED", with America's newest idol—Clark Gable.
Comedy and Cartoon

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26—

Bill Cody in "OKLAHOMA JIM"
Comedy and Cartoon. Adm. 10c & 25c
COMING—Sunday and Monday, December 27-28—"FLYING HIGH"

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SATURDAY ONLY

One Tube Repair Kit

FREE

with 7 gallons of gas

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BARNEY FOWLER

Wishes everyone the Merriest Christmas possible, and especially thanks all auto owners who have patronized him during the year that is now rapidly drawing to a close.

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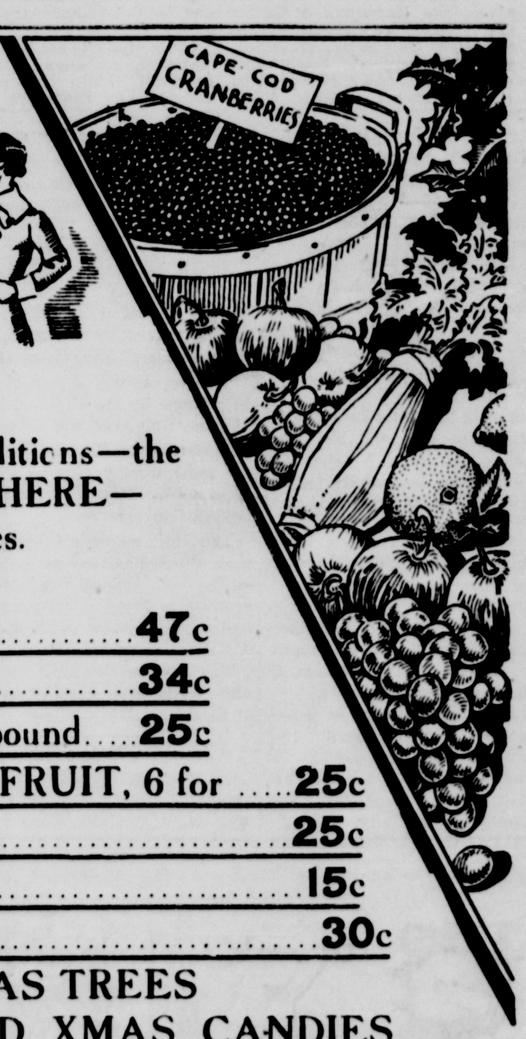
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Pork Shoulders, whole, lb.	8c
Pork Loins half or whole pound	11½c
Fresh Pork Hams whole pound	12c
Pork Steak, pound	12½c
Pork Chops, pound	12½c
Pure Pork Sausage, pound 10c. 3 lbs.	25c
Hamburger, pound 10c. 3 lbs.	25c
Round Steak, pound	15c
Neck Bones, 4 pounds	25c
Lard 25 lb. can $1.89 3 pounds	23c
Dry Salt Jowls, pound	7½c
Franks, 3 pounds	25c
SUGAR, 10 pounds	47c
Flour Self Rising 24 pound sack	49c
Tomatoes, No. 2 can, 6 cans	37c
Potatoes, Irish, 15 pound peck	18c
Sweet Potatoes, fancy, bushel	79c
Oranges, 2 dozen	25c
Apples, fancy, bushel	69c

Turkeys and Ducks on Special Order Only

An Old Time Christmas Dinner





All the rich delicacies that are Christmas traditions—the tasty edibles Grandmother used to serve—HERE—NOW—at good old fashioned prices.



SUGAR, 10 pounds	47c
H. & K. COFFEE, pound	34c
FRENCH BLEND COFFEE, pound	25c
TEXAS SEEDLESS GRAPE FRUIT, 6 for	25c
ORANGES, 2 dozen	25c
MIXED NUTS, pound	15c
TANGERINES, dozen	30c

CHRISTMAS TREES
SPECIAL ASSORTED XMAS CANDIES

Finest Cranberries, Southern Sweet Potatoes, Hubbard Squash, Rich Plum Pudding—can serves six, Pickled Peaches and Apples, Delicious Eating Apples.

In Our Meat Market

Large Meaty Turkeys and Tender Young Ganders—place your orders in advance, old fashioned Mince Meat, Pickled Pigs Feet.

Fresh Canned Molasses Confectioners' Sugar

S. & M. GROCERY

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FOODS IN SMALL CANS



A RECENT survey revealed the fact that an amazing number of different products are now processed and put up in those convenient 8-ounce cans which contain just enough to content two people, or the contents of which can even be consumed by one hungry person alone.

These small individual cans have proved a boon to the cities where storage space is at a premium. When one realizes that 57 per cent. of our population now lives in cities, as compared with 40 per cent. in 1900, one understands the reason for their popularity.

The season of summer bachelors is fast approaching. For the sake of these bachelor maids and couples without children, nearly a hundred different packs of fruits and vegetables are now put up in these small cans.

Here's the List

The fruits include apple sauce, apricots (plain and peeled), blackberries (including a fancy grade), cherries (Royal Anne, black ring, red pitted and black), cranberry sauce, figs (including a California variety), fruit cocktail, fruits for salad, fruit salad, grapefruit, grapes (seedless), loganberries (including a fancy pack), olives (ripe), peaches (diced, halves and sliced), pears (Bartlett and diced), pineapple (crushed, tidbits and juice), plums (green gage), prunes (fancy purple, fresh Oregon and stewed), raspberries (red and black, including a fancy red pack), rhubarb and strawberries (including a fancy pack).

The vegetables are artichoke hearts, asparagus (cut tips, dainty salad points, large tips, mammoth tips, medium tips, natural green cuts and small tips), beans (cut refugee, cut stringless, cut wax, green lima, lima, medium green lima, New England style, oven baked and red kidney), beets (diced and sliced), Brussels sprouts, carrots (diced), carrots and peas, corn (Country Gentleman, fancy Crosby, golden bantam, golden bantam crushed, golden cream, kernelettes, popping, white and whole grain), krautine, mushrooms, peas (garden, run of garden, sweet garden and sweet wrinkled), sauerkraut, spinach, succotash (golden bantam corn, white corn and with green limas), tomatoes (plain and sauce), turnips (diced), vegetables (mixed and for salad) and vegetable surprise.

Other products are brown bread, mackerel, molasses (Barbados), spaghetti (plain and prepared) and shrimp. There are probably several more which were missed in the survey, but many good recipes have been evolved from the above.

Some Fruit Recipes

Here are some fruit recipes, for instance, which are easy to prepare and will serve from two to four.

Raspberry Cream: Soak two teaspoons gelatin in two tablespoons cold water five minutes. Bring the contents of an 8-ounce can of raspberries, three tablespoons sugar and two tablespoons lemon juice to boiling, pour over gelatin and stir until dissolved. Cool. When about to jelly, fold in one half cup heavy cream. A can of the new beating cream which has just been put on the market can be used if you have no refrigerating facilities.

Blackberry Cobbler: Heat the contents of one 8-ounce can of blackberries to boiling, add one tablespoon of flour mixed with one teaspoon of sugar, and cook till slightly thick. Add one teaspoon of lemon juice and one teaspoon of butter, and pour into a buttered baking dish. Cut rich baking powder biscuit dough in tiny rounds and lay over the top. Bake in a hot oven, 450°, for fifteen minutes.

ROBBERS WHO STOLE GAS CAN HAVE CAN BY CALLING FOR SAME AT ANDRES'

For the past several weeks John Henry Andres, pilot of the runabout delivery truck of Andres' Meat Market, has been missing gasoline from the supply tank. The gasoline just seemed to evaporate into thin air during the night.

Then last Friday night Gene Aufdenberg surprised the visitors at work. They escaped, but left their syphon and gas can.

John Henry wishes to announce that the rubber hose and gas can is awaiting a claimant. "They've got to identify their property though", he adds.

HIGHWAY DIVISION NO. TEN ROAD REPORT

Weather: Generally cloudy and cold with frequent rains.

Route 25, Perry County Line to Jackson, 16.5 miles. Gravel surface. Traffic is being carried over construction for a very short distance at Appleton.

General: All roads in this division are in good condition.

HOW TO GET RICH FARMING

The general picture of agriculture's position this fall is reflected in these indexes: the wholesale price level of all commodities stands practically at pre-war, or 100. The industrial wage level is roughly twice the pre-war figures, or 200. Farm taxes exceed 250. Farm wages are about 120. Prices of things bought by farmers 125. The prices received by farmers for their products average about 70. The unit exchange value of farm products for other commodities is slightly over one-half of what it was before the war.

FOR RENT—Furnished room, steam heat. Phone 315. tf.

WANTED—General housework by middle aged white woman. Phone 389 or call 320 Center Street. pd.

—Bring in that pair of shoes that are still good but you are tired of them. Let me Dye them any color you wish.—Miller's Shoe Shop, Charleston. tf-18

What? W. M. U. Christmas Sale; when? Saturday, December 19; where? Beck Building—for homemade cakes and candies, dressed chickens and needlework. 4t

FOR RENT—Light housekeeping rooms. With bath. 625 Prosperity. tf-17

FOR RENT—Electrically equipped efficiency apt.—704 N. Ranney, phone 78. tf-21.

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms in modern home.—Mrs. J. R. Trousdale, 225 Kathleen.

You can buy home-made cakes and candies, dressed chickens and needlework at W. M. U. sale Saturday, December 19. 4t

FOR SALE—Pontiac 4-door sedan, 1930 model and in good condition. Priced to sell quick. Box 488, Sikeston, Mo. 2t-24

WANTED—To rent stalk fields for cattle or will let out on gain proposition. Marshall Hotel, Thursday 17th. —R. W. Rayfield.

Home-made fruit cake, 75c per pound. Phone your orders early to Mrs. W. H. Sikes, phone 462. tf-20.

—I use a Dye that will not crack or peel off. Guaranteed at Miller's Shoe Shop, Charleston. tf-18.

FOR RENT—Garage building in rear of Marshall Hotel. Will be vacated December 31, 1931 by Missouri State Highway Department. Call or write New Madrid Realty & Investment Company, R. H. Bierschwal, Secretary, New Madrid, Mo. tf-20.

Woods Milk

IS A FOOD YOU CAN THRIVE ON! DRINK IT EVERY DAY



Phone 3313
Or Tell the Driver

FOR SALE—Jersey cow, fresh.—Mrs. J. W. Enterline, 2 miles north of Miner Switch. pd3t-23

LOST—Shaefer's life-time fountain pen, Friday. Call Ella Helen Smith, phone 71, or this office, 137. tf-23.

—I have by far the best Shoe Dye that science has ever discovered. It will not rub off, peel or crack. Guaranteed at Miller's Shoe Store, Charleston. tf-18.

WANTED—You to try Richards Rheumatic Remedy. Reaches every bone, tissue and joint. Removes the cause. Money back if it fails. $1.00; Six $5.50. At Galloway's Drug Store and all Druggists.

ASK ABOUT QUAKER STATE SUPER-FINE GREASING SERVICE!
It's Better But Costs No More
$1.00
SENSENBAUGH BROTHERS

BASKET

FRIDAY NIG.

New Madrid

VS.

Sikeston

Double-Header

HIGH SCHOOL GYM

THREE TRUCKS CRASH TUESDAY NIGHT: NO ONE SERIOUSLY HURT

A heavily loaded, southbound Odom Brothers truck crashed into two lighter trucks on Highway 61 north of Sikeston Tuesday night about 1:15 o'clock. No one was injured, although the cab and power unit of the Odom truck was practically demolished and one of the other two machines considerably damaged.

A truck owned by Miss Lula Sparks had run out of gas, and had been shoved off of the slab. A driver for A. B. Hunter was attempting to tow the dead truck, when the southbound truck crashed into both.

Farmington—Establishment of Rice-Stix shirt factory here practically assured.

James Sparks, government supervising engineer on the postoffice project here, left for Washington, D. C. Wednesday on official business.

Mrs. Lorena Hamby of Houston, Texas, arrived here this week, after having visited with her son in St. Louis, and will remain for an extended visit with her sons, Jess and Larue Hamby, of this city.

AUXILIARY NOTES

The Auxiliary of the American Legion held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Charles Blanton, J., Wednesday evening.

The special feature of the evening was a report of the meeting held in Jefferson City the first part of December, given by the State's second vice president, Mrs. C. L. Malone.

This report was a plan of the work to be done by the Units of the State, and the Unit here will carry on.

Christmas baskets will be prepared for some worthy families of disabled veterans by Mrs. Earl Johnson, rehabilitation chairman.

The Unit will assist the Legion at their Christmas tree party to be given in the Armory on Wednesday evening and the invitations are limited to the children of the Legion and Auxiliary members only.

The next meeting will be held the first Wednesday evening in January at the home of Mrs. Bryan Bradley.

Mrs. Frank Hulen of St. Louis came down Wednesday for a few days' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Carroll.

Kansas City—Kessel and Dean Cleaners opened at 27th and Prospect.

Liberty—White way lighting system around square and courthouse rapidly nearing completion.



DRESS UP
FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Shampoo and Finger Wave 50c
Shampoo and Marcel..... 75c

Permanent Wave Special Still Continues

POWDER PUFF BEAUTY SHOPPE
Opposite Shoe Factory on Greer Avenue

Attention, City Taxpayers!

Personal, Real Estate, Poll and Cemetery Taxes Are Now DUE AND PAYABLE

You Have Only 15 More Days Until the Penalty Goes On Them

Do not wait until the end of the month for you may not be able to secure prompt service. Pay now and save yourself money and inconvenience. The Collector's office in the City Hall is open every week day from 8 a. m. until 6 p. m.

N. E. FUCHS, Mayor
ELMOS TAYLOR, Collector

Food A&P Stores

Holiday Sale!

This is the time of year when the spirit of good food reigns. It is time to fill your larder with all the array of delicacies that belong to the holidays . . . pumpkin for the pies, mincemeat for the tarts, nuts, currants, candies, candied fruits and the other good things that make Christmas a time of good food and good cheer.

IONA BRAND STRINGBEANS OR PEAS



3 No. 2 CANS 25c

Pumpkin	3 NO. 2½ CANS	20c
Sparkle	PKG.	5c
Mixed Nuts	lb.	23c
Peels ORANGE, LEMON, CITRON	LB.	29c
Glace Cherries	LB.	49c
Glace Pineapple	LB.	39c
Dates BULK	LB.	10c
Mincemeat, bulk	lb.	19c
Cranberry Sauce	DROMEDARY CAN	19c
Soap P&G and CRYSTAL WHITE	10 BARS	39c

Gold Medal or Pillsbury Flour	24 lb. bag	63c
	48 lb. bag	$1.25
IONA FLOUR	24 lb. bag	39c
	48 lb. bag	77c
SUNNYFIELD FLOUR	24 lb. bag	43c
	48 lb. bag	85c
Saltana Red Kidney Beans, can		5c
Pineapple, No. 2 1-2 can, 2 for		25c
Pure Cane SUGAR	100 lb. bag	$4.70
	25 lb. bag	$1.25
10 lb. bag		49c
10 lbs. Bulk		47c

Don't Clip This Coupon but just remember A & P Food Coupons and ask the A & P manager about them. Good at any A & P store for $1.00 worth of food. An ideal way to give, as the recipient may select the food himself.

Grandmother's Bread 16 oz. loaf sliced or unsliced 5c

Special Meat Values

Smoked Bacon, half or whole, lb.	13 1-2c
Hams, Cape Rock, pound	17c
Salt Side Meat, pound	10c
Frankfurters	2 pounds 25c
Bologna	2 pounds 25c
Fresh Oysters, pint	35c

Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

Potatoes	100 lb. bag	$1.19
Bananas	4 lbs.	25c
Cranberries	2 lbs.	23c
Head Lettuce, each	10c	
Calif. Celery, each	10c	
Calif. Navel Oranges, dozen	19c	
Grapefruit, 6 for	25c	

Do You Like Christmas Traditions?
Holly wreaths—mistletoe—hanging up your stocking? Then you will want to distribute Christmas baskets. A & P stores have three different priced gift baskets, 98c-$1.50-$2.00. Ask your A & P manager for particulars.

The GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TEA CO., Middle Western Division

LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM BLODGETT

Oscar Graham of Cape Girardeau was here Sunday afternoon.

Thad and Porter Stubs of Cape Girardeau were here Saturday.

Benj. Gratz and daughter of St. Louis had business here Saturday.

Miss Maurine Moyer visitde relatives at Morley during the week-end.

The Baptist Missionary Society met with Mrs. G. D. Clippard last week.

Mrs. Geo. Pearmen and family were in Sikeston Saturday afternoon.

O. F. Anderson of Benton visited his mother, Mrs. J. T. Huey, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Nunnelee and family motored to Charleston, Sunday.

Mrs. E. J. Neinstedt and daughter, Louise, shopped in Cape Girardeau, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Putnam motored to Charleston Sunday to visit with relatives.

Mrs. I. H. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Marshall, George Pearman motored to Cape Monday.

A Christmas program will be given at the high school auditorium on Tuesday night by the grade school.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Peal and little daughter, Jane, of Commerce, visited relatives here during the week-end.

The Independent basketball game at Diehlstadt Monday night resulted to victories for Blodgett boys and the Diehlstadt girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hutchison and family of Charleston were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mackley and Mr. and Mrs. Will Myers, Sunday.

Rev. Swope of Charleston delivered two interesting sermons at the M. E. Church Sunday. Our pastor, Rev. McDaniel, was unable to preach.

Misses Maxine Pearmon, Thelma Levan, Freida Barnes, Louis Peal, Opal Stout and Chester Pearman motored to Cape Girardeau Saturday evening.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM MORLEY

Miss Leona Emerson of Hayti was a Morley visitor Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lee were business visitors at Oran, Monday.

Miss Cecil Keesee visited friends at Marble Hill over the week-end.

Hog killing is the order of the day at most farms in this community now.

Harold Perdue was a week-end visitor of Chandos Foster at Cape Girardeau.

Mesdames Ruth Finney and C. D. Harris were Cape Girardeau visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Walker May and children and Miss Maxine Daugherty were Sikeston visitors Saturday.

Paul Finney of Cape Girardeau visited Thursday with his children, Jackie and Mary Sue.

Joe Leslie, who has been employed at Cairo, is home for an extended visit with his homefolks.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Cunningham and daughter, Ruth, visited friends in Chaffee, Monday evening.

Mrs. Luta B. Evans and mother, Mrs. Elmira Bynum, visited Ella Evans of Sikeston, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Elmore and daughters were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Eskridge Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Lile and children of Lutesville were Sunday visitors at the G. D. Harris home.

Mrs. Eugenia Tomlinson returned home Monday after a visit with her sister, Mrs. J. W. Clemson at Oran.

Mr. and Mrs. Erie Foster of Cape Girardeau visited the former's father, J. A. Foster, who is seriously ill, Sunday.

Luke Freeman and Harry Tomlinson of West Point, Miss., arrived last Tuesday for a visit with the latter's brother, Raymond Tomlinson.

Mrs. G. D. Englehart and sons of Matthews visited her parents Friday. Miss Dorothy Lee Foster accompanied her home for the week-end.

A program sponsored by the Fizer Missionary Society will be given on Wednesday evening, December 23. Everybody invited. No admission.

Mrs. Percy Stuckman, who is attending the State Teachers' College, Cape Girardeau, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Sullivan.

A debate was held at the gymnasium Monday night between Morley and Blodgett on the subject: Resolved that Compulsory Unemployment Insurance Should Be Adopted. Billy Black and Robert Foster represented Morley and won the unanimous decision of the judges.

The Sikeston Standard, $1.50

LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM KEWANEE

Mrs. Ira Taylor is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. Schaffer of Kewanee.

Mrs. Evert Raidt of Lilbourn spent Sunday with her sister, Miss Berniece Barry.

Mrs. Dewitt Barry spent the day with her mother, Mrs. J. Fowler, Sunday.

Kewanee high school girls' basketball team has a game scheduled with Canalou January 15.

Mrs. Nell Pullem plans to spend the Christmas holidays in Southern California with relatives.

Miss Margaret Clymer is coaching the first high school play of this term, "The Bashful Mr. Bobbs".

Church services were held Sunday afternoon by Rev. M. H. Markley, who is also pastor of the New Madrid and Lilbourn Methodist Churches.

December 23 there will be a community Christmas tree at the gymnasium. A program will be provided by the schools of the district. Kewanee, both grade and high school, white Oak and Ristine.

Miss Louise Shy was welcomed back to school Monday by her class, after several weeks absence. Miss Shy is a Junior in the Kewanee high school.

Sunday, December 20, Miss Helen Shanks, teacher of the 3 H Boys Sunday school class, will entertain her class at a Christmas party. A Christmas tree will be provided for the youngsters and Santa Claus will also be present.

At Christmas and other holiday times candlewax sometimes drops on clothing and makes a stain. Such stains usually consist of paraffin colored with pigment or dye. Remove the paraffin as completely as possible by scraping it away with a dull knife, or using a piece of blotting paper and a warm iron. If a grease stain remains, use a solvent, such as carbon tetrachloride, ether, gasoline, chloroform, naphtha, or benzol, whcih may at the same time help to dissolve any dye on the fiber. Sponging with wood alcohol may be tried if any dye remains.

Cincinnati is planning an ordinance providing a fine of $500 for persons who listen in on the police radio and then rush to the scene of crime for a thrill.

In 1929, when Charles V. Bob's Metal and Mining stock was selling for $23 a share, he contributed $100,000 to Admiral Byrd's Antartic expedition. Recently these shares were down to 50 cents, and Bob was under indictment for fraud in connection with their promotion. Byrd named an Antartic mountain range for Bob in recognition of his generosity.

Equal parts of mayonnaise and chili sauce mixed give an agreeable change of flavor to a salad. This dressing is especially good with plain crisp head lettuce or shredded cabbage.

Harvard scientists have discovered nerves in catfish over which impulses travel only an inch in a day. What value this discovery may have for mankind is rather obscure. Perhaps it is the presence of similar nerves that causes us to respond so slowly to the alleged jokes of radio comedians.

The male alligator makes such a loud bellow during mating periods that the noise can be heard for a mile or more.

Clab Hancock believes business is picking up, as the Rye Straw store was the scene of a customer day before yesterday.—Commercial Appeal.



TURKEY SHOOT

Ducks, Geese, Cured Hams

Monday and Tuesday
December 21-22
Day and Night

GROVER BAKER FARM
Northwest Corner of City

Bring Your 12 Gauge Guns
We Furnish Shells

Bill Baker Bill Felker

...as fine as I ever tasted—

[CAPE ROCK BUTTER has that rich, creamy flavor that is only secured when pure cream is properly made into butter.]

Cape Rock Butter Has a Delicious, Natural Flavor

It doesn't make any difference what brand of butter you have been using—just try Cape Rock butter once and it will be Cape Rock thereafter. Cape Rock butter does not sell at a higher price than any other grade of butter. If you are able to buy butter for less than the price of Cape Rock—be sure that it is not grade two.

All Cape Rock products are Pasteurized, thus insuring you that Cape Rock brand products are healthful. Now is the season to use more milk products, but be sure that it is Cape Rock brand for it is Pasteurized.

Cape Rock Butter *is Better*

Cape Rock Dairy Product Company

...Lair Store News...

"That Interesting Store"

Home Furnishings—Our 34th Year in S. E. Mo.

There are so many things in a well stocked furniture store that are appropriate for holiday gifts that it is out of the question to enumerate them. If you happen to be one of the great number who has not yet decided what to buy, a visit to our place may help you make suitable selection.

After repeated solicitation by the Philco radio man, we have taken on the line and judging by the good things we have heard Sikeston folks say about Philco since accepting, it seems we have added a mighty good line of merchandise. A number of the latest models in Philco Balanced Units are awaiting to be installed. Business-like terms of payment may be arranged to suit your income.

Some very special inducements are on tap in both bedroom suites and living room outfits. Used furniture may be traded in as part pay at a fair allowance with the priviledge of paying the balance by week or month in convenient sums.

Comfort Chairs and Ottomans to match are usually popular with old and young. Since prices have reached the bottom why not present one of these outfits to the family?

Beautiful mirrors, Lane Cedar Chests, occasional tables, pull-up chairs, magazine racks, ornamental lamps, etc., the list of these small items suitable for gifts is a long one at our place.

In this, probably our last ad in 1931, we desire to sincerely thank many in Sikeston and surrounding territory who have accorded us patronage and other forms of support and encouragement since our opening sale one year ago. The volume of trade given us has been satisfactory indeed, even larger than business conditions seemed to warrant. Merchandise, policies and plans for the New Year which may be of interest to the public will be announced in due season. Suffice to say now that we shall enter into those plans with energy and care, fully determined to run a store that will be of service to patrons and the community in which it is operated. In the meantime, may your Christmas be merry and your New Year happy.

Every USED CAR On Our Floors MUST BE Sold!

Scores of Phenomenal Buys in All Models at Terrific Sacrifice!

They are selling like hot cakes. Southeast Missouri buyers know bargains and that's what we are offering.

Terms to fit your income. Your old car taken in trade. You just can't pass up this used car bargain feast.

"Speedometers show actual mileage." Every job guaranteed as represented. Late models. Several types.

Scott County Motor Company

Sales Ford *Service*

A "Ford" Groves Ford Shop Sikeston, Missouri



Christmas Baked Goods

We specialize, at Christmas time, on a wonderful assortment of Cakes, Cookies, Pies and Breads for the Holidays. Our display is so complete that you have no difficulty in finding just the tems you want. Should you however, wish something special, we will be glad to give your order our most careful attention.

Order Your Fruit Cake Today. Phone 62 for Prompt Baked Goods Service.

Schorle Bros. Bakery

Your Bakers For Over a Quarter of a Century

D. A. R. MEETING

The local Chapter of the D. A. R. held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. T. F. Henry, Saturday afternoon with Mrs. A. J. Renner, assisting hostess.

Each member responded to roll call with a Christmas verse.

Mrs. J. L. Brown was the leader for the afternoon and read a Christmas story "The Sad Sheppard", which was very much enjoyed. Miss Wilma Ragains rendered a number of musical selections on the piano, very delightfully.

The D. A. R. will plant a tree on February 22 in commeration of George Washington.

Mrs. Effie Hunter gave a splendid report of the regional meeting of the seven D. A. R. Chapters in Cape Girardeau in October.

The purpose of this meeting was to stress the protection of wild life, the making and care of historical spots, and the planting and cultivatoin of plants, both native and wild, along our highways. An enjoyable social hour followed and delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Extra special, large assortment of hats reduced to $1.00.—Elite Hat Shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Francis spent Monday and Tuesday in Fredericktown visiting relatives.

Friday and Saturday, entire stock of fall and winter hats at less than one-half price.—Elite Hat Shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Carroll are entertaining the Friday Night Bridge Club at their home near Matthews.

Mrs. Ella Old and son, Dr. Claud Old and family are leaving Sunday for Memphis, Tenn., where they will spend the Christmas holidays with Fred Old and family.

Miss Emily Blanton will arrive in Sikeston the last of the week from Blue Mountain College at Blue Mountain, Miss., to spend the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Blanton.

Slim Pickens met Sap Spradlin in front of the store today and asked him if he had a match, and Sap replied that he did not have one; and they both passed on, and that was all there was to the entire conversation.—Commercial Appeal.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sikes returned from St. Louis, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Swacker, who have been spending a few days in St. Louis, returned home Wednesday.

Mrs. R. E. Asmus and little son of Centralia, Mo., are expected home to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Beck.

Misses Virginia Mount and Ann Beck wlil return home for the Xmas holidays Friday evening. Mr. Mount will drive to Paducah, Ky., to meet the young ladies, who are students in Western State College at Bowling Green, Ky.

The reason why The Standard is such a good advertising medium is because we have had little else to read lately. However, the advertisements will save you money if you check prices one against the other, then against your pocketbook.

Taylor—New State highway between Palmyra and this city opened to traffic.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Carroll, Mrs. Sitzes, Judson Edwards and Mae Bean attended the dance in Cape Girardeau Wednesday evening.

Mrs. John Davis of Collinsville returned to her home Monday afternoon, after a pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. E. J. Malone, Sr.

Don't fail to visit Weeks' Theatre, Dexter, next week see "Big Parade", Joan Crawford in "Possessed". Matinee Xmas.

Mrs. Woolard Baker and little daughter of Memphis, Tenn., are expected to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dover, during hte holidays.

It is said that the men of a certain African tribe are allowed three wives, the first wife choosing the second, and the second the third. How is that for a break for homely women?

Mrs. J. N. Sheppard and Mrs. R. A. Moll spent Thursday in Cape Girardeau.

Mrs. Ralph Anderson and family are leaving Sunday for Jacksonville, Ill., to spend the Christmas holidays with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Kingsbury and son, Jerry, of Boonville, are expecting to spend hte Christmas holidays with their daughter, Mrs. John Sikes.

An opinion written by the supreme court of one of our neighbor States, upheld the lower court in its decision that it is not necessary for a baby to breathe in order to be considered as having lived. The case in question had to do with an estate and it was necessary to prove that life had existed in the babe before the mother could rightfully claim its share. Although the child did not breathe, the evidence disclosed that the babe's heart beat for twenty minutes.

Construction started on Ilimo-to-Ancell farm-to-market road.

Mesdames O. E. Kendall, Ed Kendall, L. O. Rodes and A. C. Sikes were Cape Girardeau visitors Wednesday.

Dear Santa:

I am a very industrious student at Sikeston High School. I don't want anything for myself, but please remember my teachers. I want you to bring Mr. Kevil a new car so that Mrs. Vieth can enjoy the holiday season more fully. Also remember the pretty new teacher, Miss Mackey, bring her a new joke book, so she can learn some new ones. Miss Haw would like very much to have a new dictionary. Her vocabulary is rather dilapidated, but she won't be harsh if you fail to comply with her request. Last, but not least, bring my old pal, "Peg", one of your latest editions in philosophy.

RUSSELL JONES

Better Breakfasts



THE first thing that you eat in the morning should be something that will make you feel good all day. If more brides knew that, there would be fewer bridegroom glowers to bring on bride's showers of tears. Everyone wants to help a little bride, so here's a good dish to start the day with, and the menu for the rest of the breakfast, too, for good measure:

Morning Fruit Cocktail: Remove the sections of four tangerines, keeping them as whole and as free from membrane as possible. Add to the contents of a No. 2 can of grapefruit, and chill thoroughly over night. This will make enough to serve six, but let hubby have all he wants. It won't hurt him. And, for the rest of the breakfast, have whole wheat cereal with raisins, cornmeal cakes with syrup, and a hot beverage. Then watch hubby smile.

Vacuum Packed

There's just one point you should be careful about in the hot beverage for modern breakfasts, and that is to have it vacuum packed. Whether you are providing hubby with a product without caffein which still gives him the coffee taste or with the real coffee which is now the national drink of America, you should buy it in the vacuum packed cans which have kept out the oxygen. For the action of oxygen is what hurts coffee and coffee products. When oxygen comes in contact with them, they lose flavor and aroma at a rapid rate.

DECADE BRINGS VAST RADIO CHANGE

Tenth Anniversary of Organization Formed to Foster the Art in America Emphasizes Progress.

The story of a decade in which communication leaped beyond the wildest dreams of years that had gone before is linked with an anniversary which just has been observed. The anniversary, marking the passing of ten years since the Radio Corporation of America was founded, is significant for the entire field of radio because the corporation has been associated so closely with the great changes which have pushed back world horizons.

How great these changes have been it is hard to realize now that radio is accepted casually as one of the biggest of American industries, doing a business of more than $600,000,000 a year. It helps to bring some realization to consider radio as it appeared to the men who formed the corporation, starting business on December 1, 1919.

Broadcasting as it is today, with 40,000,000 listeners in the United States, was undreamed of then. Transoceanic radio telegraph and ship to shore communication were the interests of the men who were brought together by Owen D. Young, now Chairman of the Board, with the sympathetic cooperation of the government.

President Wilson feared the Alexanderson Alternator would enable the British to dominate radio telegraph, as they already dominated ocean cables and, at his request, the General Electric Company canceled negotiations for the device with the Marconi Company. It was to create a radio communication organization capable of holding its own against foreign competition and to supply such American organizations as the General Electric with a home market for inventions on which huge sums had been spent that the Radio Corporation was formed, welding under one central organization America's principal radio inventions and research facilities.

Now the history of the corporation becomes a story of men, as well as the story of an era. Among them are Owen D. Young, whose broadminded judgment since has been recognized by appointment as Chairman of the Reparations Commission; General James G. Harbord, military leader with a brilliant record in peace and war, President; David Sarnoff, Executive Vice-President, one of many on the company's first roll who had been working in telegraphy since boyhood; Dr. Alfred N. Goldsmith, Director of Research, a scholar of radio.



GENERAL JAMES G. HARBORD



MR. DAVID SARNOFF

The possibilities of broadcasting suddenly were realized in 1920 and one of the most striking developments of modern times is summed up in the fact that between them and the end of 1922 the number of receiving sets in the United States increased from 30,000 to 1,500,000.

In the years that followed the Corporation organized a decade ago to further America's interests in radio telegraph has played its leading part in a changing world. Always developing that first interest in radio telegraph, it has acquired an important position in the closely allied amusement field. It has a substantial interest in the production, distribution and exhibition of sound-motion pictures, with increased facilities for furnishing entertainment and education on records, on films, through the air, in the theater and in the home.

Open Evenings Until Christmas Commencing Saturday, December 19

SIKESTON, MO.

Remember You Can Get Before Xmas Merchandise at After Xmas Prices

Greer's PRICE RIGHT STORES

6 More Shopping Days Before Xmas. 11 More Shopping Days of Our Gigantic Sale

Our After Christmas Sale which began the 11th is in full swing and will continue throughout the remainder of December. The low prices will also continue Never before has your dollar had so much purchasing power as now, and we are materially adding to that power by making drastic price reductions on seasonable merchandise. Be sure to visit our store before doing your Xmas shopping for if you wait till after you do your shopping you certainly will be sorry for the wait. Remember every day is Bargain Day. Why pay more when we

SELL IT FOR LESS

BOYS' SLIP-OVERS
A good slipover that will give plenty of wear. In stripes. Sizes 24 to 34. Supply is limited **25c**

BOYS' HELMETS
Boys' jersey helmets. Nice and warm and just the thing Most all colors. Special for school wear. Most all colors. Special **10c**

Boys' Leatherette Helmets
A better helmet. One that will make a very useful and desired Xmas present for the boy. Only **20c**

BOYS' WORK SHIRTS
Boys' fancy striped cheviot work shirts. While the limited supply lasts, only **39c**

Boys' All Wool Sweaters
Boys' all wool shaker knit coat sweaters. Another item that will make a practical gift for the boy. **$1.39**

HATS



New hats arriving almost weekly. These are our famous dollar hats. At our special After Xmas Sale. Only **50c**

All our genuine fur felts. Regular $1.98 to $3.98. To go special **$1**

WOMEN'S HOSE
Women's ribbed sport hose in all shades and sizes. You will be surprised at the excellent value. Special **11c**

Rayon Sport Hose
Rayon Sport Hose. Regular 39c grade. Special After Xmas Sale **29c**

Women's Sport Hose
Our regular 25c grade sport hose. The best of colors **19c**

Women's Silk Hose
In all the best shades. Pure silk from top to toe. 3 pairs for **$1.00**

Dresses
No better Xmas present for her than one of our best silk dresses. The price is specially reduced from $10.95 to **$6.95**

All $6.95 dresses specially reduced for the holiday trade to **$3.50**

All $3.95 plain silks and fancy crepes, also a few jersey knit dresses to go special **$2.00**



Men's All Wool Sweaters
Men's all wool slipover sweaters in blue and tan. All sizes. Another useful gift for Xmas. Only **$1.7**

MEN'S CAPS
Men's all wool suiting silk lined caps. New and beautiful patterns. Special **69c**

MEN'S PLUSH CAPS
Silk plush caps. Just the thing needed for these cold days. Special **39c**

MEN'S UNDERWEAR
A real heavy winter weight ribbed union suit. All sizes **75c**

Men's Dress Shirts
A genuine bargain that the men will appreciate. A complete stock to select from. New and beautiful patterns. Each 79c or 2 for **$2.25**



Men's Pants
LOT 1—There are yet a number of men's all wool dress pants that can be had for less than half price. The lots are broken, and some patterns do not have all sizes, but all sizes can be had. Lot 1 contains values up to $2.98. Special **$1.50**

LOT 2—A limited number. In this lot are pants that are worth up to $3.95. Sizes 29 to 44. Special **$1.75**

LOT 3—Another great bargain. All sizes up to 42. To close out **$2.00**

LOT 4—Only a very limited number of regular $3.98 pants for **$2.50**

LOT 5—Consists of blue serges and grey stripped pants. Sizes 29 to 40. Your choice **$3.00**

Coats
You lose money if you are in the market for a coat and pass up these bargains. All our $24.75 coats reduced to $15.00. These are the latest close fitting styles with large fur collars and cuffs. If you can be satisfied with a coat under $50.00 these will please you. Special **$15.00**

Our regular $14.85 coats to close out for **$9.75**

A genuine all wool broadcloth coat, with large fur collar and cuffs. At the ridiculously low price of **$4.75**

Misses's coats in sizes 14 to 18. Only a few left to close out Special **$4.25**



TABLECLOTHS
54x54 colored bordered table cloths. Will make ideal Xmas gifts. Only **50c**

BED SPREADS
Our regular $1.50 grade colored bed spreads. Size 80x105 **$1.05**

Boys' Lumber Jacks
Boys' leatherette lumber jacks of heavy DuPont leatherette. These will turn the rain and keep out the cold. Sizes 6 to 18. Only **$1.50**

MEN'S SHEEP COATS
Men's mole skin sheep-lined coats. The man who is out in all kinds of weather will greatly appreciate this value. Only **$2.95**

Blankets
66x80 part wool double blanket. While the supply lasts, only **$1.50**

70x80 part wool single blankets. In a beautiful assortment of plaids. To close out **79c**

66x76 cotton plaid blankets. The cheapest blanket in price you were ever permitted to buy. Only **45c**

Only a few left of our EXTRA SPECIAL heavy blankets. A blanket you will appreciate these cold winter nights. **$2.50**

